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NEWS FROM TOWER HAMLETS COUNCIL AND YOUR COMMUNITY

New grants for most vulnerable residents

Money can be used to help with essential living costs

BY SUSAN MULLIGAN

THE council is providing new grants for residents in special need of financial help.

The move gives support to some of the borough's most vulnerable residents so they can buy what is most essential.

The crisis and support grants, which are available now, replace

the government's national community care grants and crisis loans, which were previously issued to eligible residents through Jobcentre Plus.

Crisis grants are open to people

experiencing or at risk of sudden, severe financial trouble.

They can help in the short-term with living costs, such as food, heating and rent.

Support grants will provide

help for the longer term, enabling people to live independently and safely.

People who may be eligible to apply for the grants include those leaving care and residents who are moving to or from supported housing.

Cllr Alibor Choudhury, cabinet member for resources, said: "In Tower Hamlets, we are committed to fostering a cohesive and supportive community.

"We therefore chose to create the crisis and support grants, which are given to our residents

direct, rather than allocate food stamps, which could create an obvious divide between those who need more support than others – the 'haves' and 'have-nots'."

The new grants follow Mayor Lutfur Rahman's decision to develop a council tax support scheme, which protects an estimated 25,000 working-age claimants and 10,000 pensioners from the impact caused by the abolition of the national council tax benefit scheme.

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OUR GIRL LOLLIPOP – FOR 45 YEARS



It was "blowing a gale" says Glenys Hogan, as she stepped into the road, sign in hand, as a newly recruited lollipop lady. It was so bad, she wasn't sure about returning for a second shift. But 45 years later Glenys is still reporting for duty, come rain, shine and, lately, bitterly cold temperatures, to see children safely to and from school in Wapping. Continued on page 3

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Inspired by nature

Jessica Albarn, who is the sister of Blur frontman and Gorillaz creator Damon, draws inspiration from the natural world for her art and is particularly fascinated with dead bees.

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50 artists to paint 50 children's portraits

BY JESSICA ODUBAYO

FIFTY artists will be working with 50 children from the borough to produce images to be included in an exhibition later this year.

Organised by the Miracles charity, the project aims to raise awareness of child poverty – and funds to tackle it.

At least 50 companies, which work in or have an interest in Tower Hamlets, are being asked to make a contribution towards ending child poverty by partnering with, and pledging financial support to, the project.

Parents or carers of children who are interested in taking part are invited to have their portrait painted by a leading UK artist.

Top names involved include Royal Academy members Jessica Albarn, Gerald Scarf, Robbie Wraith, Eileen Cooper and Andrew Salgado.

Miracles' goal is to raise more than £300,000 in sponsorship and donations for its work in the area with Tower Hamlets Citizens Advice Bureau, London Youth and other organisations to reach vulnerable children.

The charity offers funding in emergency situations, such as specialised medical equipment and families facing eviction. It also provides respite breaks for children and carers recovering from a serious illness.

"The project is a celebration of Tower Hamlets in all its di-



Robbie Wraith has painted the Queen and Nelson Mandela



Eileen Cooper

versity and life," said project director James Burton.

"If children have an interest in art, even better. Many of the artists have offered to give lessons during sittings – an incredible opportunity to get tips from Royal Academy artists."

Participating children should live in Tower Hamlets.

For more information visit www.miraclesthecharity.org



Andrew Salgado

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Royal help for young disadvantaged

Youth charity The Prince's Trust helps disadvantaged young people to get their lives on track. It supports 13- to 30-year-olds who are unemployed and those struggling at school and at risk of exclusion.

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"I love to work with children every day and keep them safe."

GLENYS HOGAN, PICTURED

News

Glenys is London's longest-serving lollipop

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2013 marks the 60th anniversary of the school crossing patrol service and the London Road Safety Council (LRSC) decided to mark the occasion by finding and celebrating London's longest serving lollipop person.

Nominations came in thick and fast but Glenys, who started work in March

1968 and is still serving the same community, has served the longest.

Cllr Val Clark, chair of the LRSC was joined by Cllr Shahed Ali, cabinet member for the environment, at a special assembly at St Peter's London Docks Church of England Primary School in Garnet Street, to present Glenys with an award celebrating her dedicated.

Glenys, who wiped a tear from her eye as she entered the school hall, was greeted by applause from pupils and staff.

Children asked Glenys about her time and experiences as their lollipop lady. When asked about her favourite part of the job, she replied: "I love having the opportunity to work with children every day and keep them safe."

She confessed that some of the children she crossed in her early days were now grandparents to some of the children she helps to cross today.

In addition to the LRSC award, the children of the school presented Glenys with a bouquet of flowers, a box of chocolates and a folder containing letters of thanks written by all of the children.

Prince's praise for achiever Afsana

BY JESSICA ODUBAYO

A YOUNG woman, whose abuse by a family friend as a child led to depression and self-harming, has won royal recognition for turning her life around.

Afsana Benozir, 20, from Bethnal Green, scooped the Samsung Young Achiever of the Year Award, which celebrates young people who have overcome barriers to transform their lives.

The Celebrate Success awards are run by the Prince's Trust with Samsung, and the Prince of Wales was joined by a host of celebrities to present the awards to young people who have overcome issues such as abuse, drug addiction, homelessness and depression.

Afsana, who now wants to train to become a doctor, said: "I've been on a long journey and winning this award is the perfect way to top it all off."

"I've had an amazing day meeting His Royal Highness and all the inspiring young people up for awards."

Afsana was just ten years old when her behaviour began to change dramatically, refusing to play with friends and becoming increasingly withdrawn. Her condition continued to deteriorate and by age 12 she was self-harming and had violent mood swings.

She later survived two suicide attempts and after the second, she admitted herself to hospital where she underwent psychiatric assessment. During subse-

quent psychotherapy sessions Afsana finally revealed the root of her problems – that from the age of six she had been seriously abused by a family friend.

Additional conflict at home prompted Afsana to move out and a support worker referred her to the Prince's Trust Team programme, a 12-week personal development course helping young people build confidence and workplace skills.

She initially displayed hostile behaviour, but eventually became more tolerant to others while coming to understand the importance of qualities such as commitment and self-respect. She also began to trust people once more.

Finishing the programme was a huge achievement for Afsana and it gave her the confidence to complete a recent medical and biomedicine college course, achieving distinctions. She now plans to follow a long-held dream to become a doctor and is applying to study medicine at university this year.

Afsana also volunteers for various organisations including as assistant team leader and a young ambassador for the Prince's Trust.



CHILDREN at Arnhem Wharf Primary School on the Isle of Dogs held an Easter bonnet parade before the holidays. They made hats at home and then paraded them in a special assembly for parents. Each class also made a special bonnet for the event and sang Easter songs during the assembly.



Prince Charles presents the award to Afsana Benozir

Grants to help vulnerable in times of sudden crisis

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The mayor has also allocated £1 million to a homelessness fund to help residents affected by housing benefit reforms.

Mayor Rahman said: "We are providing grants, rather than food stamps to help ensure that our support meets residents' needs."

Applicants for the crisis and support

grants must be 16 or over, receiving housing benefit and not subject to welfare sanctions. Visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/crisisandsupport

News in brief

Post office move

A SIX-week public consultation has begun to seek views on the proposed move of Mile End post office from its current location at 1b Burdett Road to Unit 2, Bleadon House, 11 Burdett Road.

The proposed move is part of a three-year investment programme which will give customers a modern branch in refurbished premises, longer opening hours, additional services and improved accessibility.

Anyone can comment about the suitability of the new location at www.postofficeviews.co.uk, email comments@postoffice.co.uk, call 08457 223344 or textphone 08457 223355.

When entering the website enter the branch code 05400299. The consultation ends on May 7.

Welfare & women

THE Fawcett Society, which campaigns for women's rights, recently released research that showed that welfare reforms will disproportionately affect women and families.

The council and the society are holding an event on Tuesday, April 23, from 10am to 3pm, at Whitechapel Idea Store to highlight the impact the reforms will have on women.

The event will explore positive ways that the council and the third sector can support women affected by the changes.

Refreshments will be provided and a crèche is available. To book, email ellie.kuperthomas@towerhamlets.gov.uk

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"I have had a stream of children at my office door speaking with enthusiasm about the things they have learned."

CHISENHALE TEACHER JOEL CUTHERBERTSON



A fun appliance for science

Inspired by their visit to the canal and The White Building, the school now plans to install solar panels on its roof to generate green energy and help the pupils understand green science.

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Schools news

Chisenhale inspired to go green



Pupils made solar powered, plant hydration detectors to tell them when to water their plants

BY MEHREEN HUSSAIN

TECHNOLOGY and science proved a walk in the park for pupils from Chisenhale Primary School.

Children from the Bow school put on their winter woollies and had a brisk walk along the Hertford Union Canal tow path to The White Building in Hackney Wick.

They were taking part in People Power, a schools programme which uses creativity and art to engage students with technology, science, engineering and sustainability.

The programme is run by SPACE, one of England's largest arts organisations, and is funded by multinational

media company Bloomberg.

Feeding into their science curriculum, pupils took part in the Thirsty Plants project where they made solar powered, plant hydration detectors, which use simple but clever technology to trigger an LED light, telling greenfingered growers that their plants need watering.

"The children have thoroughly enjoyed their workshops and have really been impacted by the practical use of things we have been learning in science," said Chisenhale teacher Joel Cuthbertson.

"The creative design aspect has captured the imagination of quite a few of the children. I have had a stream of them coming up to my office door speaking with

a lot of enthusiasm about the things they have been learning."

The White Building has been developed by SPACE and the London Legacy Development Corporation to ensure that artists and creativity remain central to the area around the Olympic Park.

The pupils were taken around the creative spaces at the building, where they met some of the artists and were told how much of the energy for the Olympic Park was generated directly opposite it at the Cofely biomass energy centre.

Inspired by their visit, the school now plans to install solar panels on its roof to generate green energy and help the kids understand green science.

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Reducing social isolation

In the past year, Marie Curie Helper volunteers gave more than 425 hours of support to 24 terminally ill people and their families in Tower Hamlets, Hackney, Newham and the City.

8% increase in TB cases

The Health Protection Agency has reported 3,588 TB cases in London in 2011, up from 3,309 the year before.

News



A CENTENARIAN who has lived in Tower Hamlets all her life was surrounded by family, friends and well-wishers (pictured above) as she celebrated her 100th birthday on March 28. Staff at Pat Shaw House, a residential home in Stepney Green, held a birthday bash for Rose Wells, who is one of the residents.

Born in Bow, Rose worked in a cigarette factory and was later a school cleaner until she retired. Rose, who has one son, two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, received a telegram from the Queen. Daughter-in-law Sue said Rose's secrets to a long life included eating good, healthy food and enjoying the occasional tippie.

"The birthday celebration was brilliant, staff went to an awful lot of effort," Sue said.

Providing vital support to terminally ill people



(From left) Marie Curie Helper volunteer Augusta Ayodele; Michael Kerin, chief executive of St Joseph's Hospice; volunteers Sandra Campbell, Yvette Tettey, Barbara-Ann Overwater and David Futerman; Ruth Bravery, director of volunteering at Marie Curie Cancer Care; and volunteers Carole Mallett, Jill Playford and Maggi Gonzalez

BY JESSICA ODUBAYO

A VOLUNTEER service which supports terminally ill people and their families celebrated its first anniversary – and wants to spread the word about the help it offers.

The Marie Curie Helper service is delivered with St Joseph's Hospice in Hackney. Trained volunteers offer up to three hours each week visiting people in their homes to provide emotional and practical support, short respite for carers and

families, and give information about relevant local services.

Volunteers provide companionship and emotional support, a listening ear, conversation and cups of tea, as well as help to families after bereavement.

Patricia Alexander, who has been matched with volunteer Christine since March 2012, said: "The helper service has made a big difference to me. I feel if I need any help I've only got to ask. She is someone to talk to and my best friend. I can speak to her about subjects

that my family find very difficult to talk about without it being emotional."

Service manager Clare Hodder said: "Marie Curie Helper volunteers can be a real lifeline, providing companionship and helping to reduce the social isolation faced by some terminally ill people and their carers. "Our service aims to fill the gap in meeting the emotional support needs of people with a terminal illness and their families.

"We're keen to make sure as many people as possible in east

London can benefit from our service, which is available for people throughout the terminal phase of their illness, from the point of prognosis."

She urged anyone who thinks they may be able to benefit from the service to get in touch.

Referrals are welcome from health or social care professionals. Families who need the service can also contact the service manager directly.

Call Clare on 0845 201 0823 or email eastlondonhelper@mariecurie.org.uk. Visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/helperservice



(From left) Senior public health specialist Khadidja Bichbiche, Cllr Abdul Asad, Dr Veronica White and Dr Somen Banerjee

'TB is completely curable'

THE borough's public health team held a Tuberculosis (TB) awareness day on Tuesday, April 2 at Whitechapel's Osmani Centre.

The event, organised by the council, Barts Health NHS Trust, TB Alert and community organisations, was well attended by residents, with Somali and Bengali interpreters on hand to answer questions.

Mayor Lutfur Rahman said: "Health and wellbeing of our residents is a key priority of my

administration and I am committed, with our partners, to addressing health inequalities that exist in Tower Hamlets.

"Now that public health is part of the council, we will be able to build even stronger relationships in order to reduce health inequalities across the borough."

Dr Veronica White, lead TB consultant at Barts Health, said: "Tuberculosis is an infectious disease that is completely curable with the correct treatment.

"Rather than being scared of the disease, we should work with each other to ensure that members of our community with tuberculosis feel supported, both medically and socially, as anyone can be infected by this disease. All treatment, including medication, is free of charge."

If you have a persistent cough for more than three weeks or any concerns about symptoms, speak to your GP. For more information, visit www.nhs.uk/conditions/tuberculosis/

Spring on the farm

Meet the farmers caring for the animals at Mudchute Park and Farm, including the new born lambs.

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Easter out & about



Mime workshops

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When I Was Young

Last chance to see the Modern British Childhood exhibition and have a go at popular games and toys from the past 60 years. Free, drop-in, all ages. Until Sun, Apr 14, 10.30am-4pm. V&A Museum of Childhood, Cambridge Heath Road, E2. 8983 5235 www.museumofchildhood.org.uk

(Above) Workshops for ages 2-16 including baking, hat-and mask-making, exploring the gardens and more at the Geffrye Museum

Mudchute Farm

Meet the farmers and find out about caring for the animals throughout the Easter holidays, including a fun day on Weds, Apr 10, 11am-3pm; open access and the living classroom on Mon, Tues & Thurs, Apr 8, 9 & 11, 10am-12noon & 12.30-2.30pm; and Mudchute Dog Show on Sat, Apr 13 from 12noon (entrants must arrive by 11.30am). Mudchute Park & Farm, Pier Street, E14. 7515 5901 info@mudchute.org www.mudchute.org

Wiggly Jigglers

Creative movement sessions for ages 0-2. Free for LBTH residents. Mon, Apr 8, 1-3pm. Rich Mix, 35-47 Bethnal Green Road, E1. 7613 7498 www.richmix.org.uk

Messy London Tube maps

Design a map to take home, for under-5s. Must book in advance. Mon, Apr 8, 11am-12noon & 1.30-2.30pm.

Making headlines

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Maryam, aged 4, enjoying Easter arts and crafts at Mile End Park



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Fri, Apr 12, 12.30-1pm, 2.30-3pm & 3.30-4pm.
All above activities free at Museum of London Docklands, West India Quay, E14. 7001 9844
www.museumoflondon.org.uk/docklands

Spring is in The Air

Holiday workshops for ages 2-16 with baking, hat-and mask-making, explore the gardens and more. Free.
Includes nursery rhyme time for ages 2-5 daily from 10.30-11.30am & 12-1pm; and Easter treasure hunts daily, 2-4.30pm.
Tues, Apr 9 until Fri, Apr 12. Geffrye Museum, Kingsland Road, E2.
7739 9893
www.geffrye-museum.org.uk

Family activities

Arts, crafts, face painting and the under-5s play area, plus visit the classroom and kitchen of the 19th century poor school. Free.
10am-5pm. Weds & Thurs, Apr 10 & 11. Ragged School Museum, 46-50 Copperfield Road, E3.
8980 6405
www.raggedschoolmuseum.org.uk

Beastly Day

Put on your favourite beastly costume and join in a day of beast-themed activities.
Includes Beast Quest at Stratford Picturehouse, 2.30pm. Fri, Apr 12. Other book-based activities throughout the week.
Discover Children's Centre, 383-387 High Street, Stratford, E15. 8536 5555
www.discover.org.uk

Who needs sun with all this fun?

BY SHALINA HUSSAIN

CHILDREN had fun tucking into tasty chocolate eggs and creating their own fashionable bonnets during a series of free Easter events hosted by the council.

First up was an Easter Eggstravaganza at **Victoria Park** on March 30. More than 300 children descended on the park to take part in arts and crafts sessions, creating colourful Easter bonnets and cards in the Hub building.

The highlight of the day was a scavenger hunt where youngsters were sent out with a list of objects to find and bring back in exchange for a chocolate egg.

Andrea Suleyman, who took her children to the event, said: "We love coming to the park and the fantastic events that the rangers put on. There is always something different going on."

(Right) The Easter Eggstravaganza at Victoria Park, where more than 300 children made Easter bonnets and cards and went on a scavenger hunt



Mum of two Janice Baker added: "This was a fantastic event that brightened up a dull, cold Easter weekend."

Over at the Children's Park in **Mile End Park** on March 31, youngsters put their sleuthing skills to the test on a scavenger hunt.

More than 120 young people took part and chocolate eggs were given as prizes for completing the hunt.

Youngsters were also challenged to make the most flamboyant bonnet with the Easter bunny judging the entries.

The Children's Park in Locksley Street is also hosting free half term events every day from 1-3pm until Saturday, April 13.

Activities are aimed at children aged 5-11 and include arts and crafts, team games, baking and a gardening club. To find out more call 7093 2253.

Mayor Lutfur Rahman said: "Despite the cold weather I am pleased so many children took part in our free Easter-themed events which have always been

very popular with residents.

"We will continue to put on free events throughout the year to ensure families can enjoy the holidays and not have to worry about the cost of expensive day trips."

Cllr Rania Kahn, cabinet member for culture, added: "Even if you missed out on the egg hunts, don't worry, as Mile End Park and our Idea Stores are hosting a series of fun events throughout the Easter break."

At **Idea Store Bow**, children can join in Diary of a Wimpy Kid themed activities where you can create your own diary, Wimpy Kid character and watch the films on Saturday, April 6 and 13 at 2.30pm.

Over at **Idea Store Canary Wharf** youngsters can take part in a Peppa Pig Play Event on Monday, April 8 at 2.30pm and share their favourite stories at Spring Story Time on Saturday, April 13 at 2.30pm.

At **Idea Store Chrisp Street** join in arts and crafts sessions on Monday, April 8 and Wednesday, April 10 from 2pm. To find out more visit www.idea-store.co.uk



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Carers exempt from 'bedroom tax'

Foster carers are excluded from the 'bedroom tax' rules. However, the council is reminding residents that applying to become a foster carer is not a convenient way to get around the changes.

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Useful information

Could you foster a child in need?

News from the council's children's service

THE campaign for more foster carers in Tower Hamlets has received an unlikely source of publicity in the form of the new 'bedroom tax'.

This week the government's cuts to housing benefit came into force for social housing tenants with spare rooms. Those affected lose 14 per cent of their housing benefit for the first extra bedroom, and 25 per cent if they have any more spare rooms.

Following pressure from campaigners, the government amended the policy – aimed at saving £500 million per year – so foster carers are excluded from the new rules.

While this is a welcome step which acknowledges the immense community contribution of those who foster children in need, the council is reminding residents that applying to become a foster carer is not a convenient way to get around the changes.

Can you catch?

Last month, the council launched its Catch – Don't Pass campaign, with local Paralympian Bulbul Hussain, to encourage more people to sign up as foster carers, particularly to help children with disabilities and those in their teens.

The council has 204 carers on its register, who between them look after 229 children. This year it is searching for 25 more.

We want our foster carers to reflect the diversity of Tower Hamlets' community and the children we look after. Applications from lesbian and gay couples are particularly welcomed.

While the selection process can be very intrusive – with lifestyle, health and, potentially, the comments of ex-partners among the elements taken into account – the two most impor-

tant factors are that potential carers have a good command of the English language and that they are motivated by a desire to help children in care – not by any financial gain or through a misguided attempt to avoid the 'bedroom tax'.

It usually takes between four to six months to become an approved foster carer and the list below gives an idea as to what is expected from people:

■ your motivation is to provide protection and a loving home for a child;

■ you need to be prepared to take on a child of any religious or ethnic background;

■ bringing a foster child into your home must not have a negative impact on any other children in your home (for example, by moving your own child out of their bedroom);

■ you will undergo criminal record checks and your ex-partners will be checked and, if necessary, interviewed;

■ you – and your partner if they will be helping to look after the child – have to have a good level of spoken and written English, to help the child achieve academically;

■ non-smoking carers are preferred, but people who smoke can foster a child aged over five;

■ you will need to be able to do the school run and take the child to a contact centre to see their natural family, which could be as far as ten miles away;

■ you will need a support network of family and friends;

■ you will undergo medicals and other checks, including how your other children perform at school;

■ you will need to provide references so checks can be made about your suitability;

■ if you are interested in fostering a disabled child, you need a decent-sized home.

Visit the fostering section of www.towerhamlets.gov.uk (found under Health and Social Care), call 0800 279 9850 or email fostering@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Chemist rota

Pharmacists in Tower Hamlets with extended opening hours.

E1

ABC Drug Stores, 12-14 Montague Street: Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-5.30pm, Sun 10am-2.30pm.

Beck & Sherman, 197 Whitechapel Road: Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-5.30pm, bank holidays 11am-1pm.

Sainsbury's, The Albion Brewery: Mon-Fri 8.30am-10pm, Sat 7.30am-10pm, Sun 11am-5pm.

Advice

East London Parkinson's Support Group

For people with Parkinson's disease and their carers. Meets third Tuesday each month, 11am at John Scurr Community Centre, 1A Bekesbourne St, E14. 0844 225 3704/0808 800 0303

Family Information Service (FIS)

Information for people from birth to age 19 (or 25 for those with additional needs) including helping to find high quality childcare, advice on tax credits and childcare vouchers. Open Mon-Fri, 8am-6pm Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, Poplar, E14 fis@towerhamlets.gov.uk 7364 6495

Alzheimer's Society Tower Hamlets

Advice and help for carers and people with dementia. Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm. 54-86 Old Montague Street, E1. 7392 9631

Tower Hamlets Advocacy Project

Independent advocates for adults with learning disabilities. Mon-Fri, 9.30am-4.30pm. Gladstone Place, 1 Ewart Place, E3. 7364 2550/2199

Parents Advice Centre (PAC)

Offers impartial advice around special educational needs (SEN). 30 Greatorex Street, E1. Drop-in sessions every Tues, 9.30am-3.30pm & Fri, 9.30am-1pm. 7364 6489

Chapel, 139 Cannon Street: Mon-Fri 9am-8pm, Sat 9am-6pm.

E2

Fairdale, 360 Bethnal Green Road: Mon, Tues, Weds, Fri 9am-6.30pm, Thurs 9am-1pm, Sat 9am-6pm, bank holidays 11am-2pm.

Florida, 307 Bethnal Green Road: Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-6pm, bank holidays 11am-2pm.

E3

Bell, 534 Roman Road: Mon-Sat 7am-11pm, Sun 10am-2pm.

Forward, 648 Mile End Road:

Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-6pm, Sun and bank holidays 10am-6pm.

Green Light, St Andrew's Health Centre, 2 Hannafor Walk: 8am-8pm, seven days a week, including bank holidays.

Lincoln, 60 St Paul's Way: Mon, Tues, Weds 8am-8pm, Thurs, Fri, 8am-8pm, Sat 9am-5pm.

Tesco, Hancock Road: Mon 8am-10.30pm, Tues-Fri 6.30am-10.30pm, Sat 6.30am-10pm, Sun 11am-4pm.

E14

Boots, Unit 15, Jubilee Place: Mon-Fri 7am-midnight, Sat

9am-6pm, Sun 12pm-6pm. **Britannia (Perimart)**, Asda Precinct, East Ferry Road: Mon-Sat 9am-8pm, Sun 11am-4pm, bank holidays 11am-6pm.

Doctors

Please ring your doctor's surgery for an appointment, but if it's the weekend or late at night, call 7377 7151 (only for people in Tower Hamlets who are registered with a doctor). To find a doctor, dentist or help to quit smoking call the health hotline on 7364 5016, Mon-Fri 8am-8pm and Sat 8am-4pm.

LinkAge Plus

An initiative of the Department for Work and Pensions.

Toynbee Hall is one of five centres that coordinates services and activities provided. Mon-Fri from 9am-5pm, drop-in session for advice on benefits, pensions, employment and housing. Appointments necessary. Mon 9am-5pm, Bangladeshi group. Toynbee Hall, Commercial Street, E1 7392 2914 www.toynbeehall.org.uk

Free Advice

Benefits, housing, immigration. Bengali speakers, home visits to house-bound. Weds, 10.30am-12.30pm, Island House, Roserton Street, E14. Thurs, 1-3pm, Splash,

Will Crooks Estate, Poplar High Street, E14. 7987 9379

Tower Hamlets Home Birth Support Group

Last Thurs of each month, 8pm. 31 Ridgale Street, E3. 8981 1159

Tower Hamlets National Childbirth Trust

Offers support, information and friendship to parents and parents-to-be. Holds regular events around the borough. 07976 710964 towerhamletsnct@yahoo.com www.nct.org.uk

Breastfeeding Support Centres

Mon 11am-1pm Wapping

Children's Centre, 15 Chandler St, E1. Weds 12.30-2.30pm, Collingwood Children's Centre, Buckhurst St, E1. Fri 12.30-2.30pm, Overland Children's Centre, 60 Parnell Rd, E3. Sun 2-4pm Barkantine Birth Centre, 121 Westferry Rd, E14. 3594 2591 or 07961 609 626

Families with Autism

Spark Centre, Smart Street, E2. 8981 4924 fwautism@btinternet.com

Free home fire safety advice

From the London Fire Brigade 08000 28 44 28

Careers advice

Bow Job Club

Weds, 1.30-3.30pm, free. Idea Store Bow, 1 Gladstone Place, Roman Road, E3. 7364 4332

Tower Hamlets Careers Service

Advice for ages up to 19 years. Mon-Fri, 9am-12.30pm & 1.30-5pm. Connexions Careers Centre, 35 Bow Road, E3. 7364 1401

TH Lifelong Learning

Mon-Thurs, 10am-4pm. Shadwell Centre, 455 The Highway, E1.

Careers advice

Support from Civic Enterprise Clubs Co-Operative. Tues & Thurs, 1-4pm & 6-9pm. Bishopsgate Institute, 230 Bishopsgate, EC2. 07432 463343 www.civicerprisecclubs.org



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A uniformed presence on the streets

Tower Hamlets enforcement officers (THEOs) are accredited by the Metropolitan Police. They tackle illegal street trading, noise nuisance, street drinking, littering, dog fouling and graffiti.

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Make a difference

The Vodafone World of Difference programme is open to adults with the drive to 'donate' themselves to charity.

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News

Tributes paid to 'amazing' Samad

Youth service stalwart, 24, died after a long illness

BY LARAINÉ CLAY

FRIENDS and family gathered to pay tribute to a young man who died after a long illness.

Samad Miah from Bethnal Green was just 24 when he died at St Joseph's Hospice, Hackney on November 24 last year.

Some 150 guests attended a service to celebrate Samad's life and achievements.

The service, organised by the council's youth and community service, was held at Wessex Youth Project at Harpley School.

Samad had been involved with the youth service since the age of 14, initially as a member of the Wessex Youth Centre.

He became a peer mentor and a volunteer at Wessex @ Harpley Youth Club and Haileybury Youth Centre, which runs a special-needs youth project.

Dinar Hossain, head of youth and community services, said: "Samad really enjoyed engaging with other young people, staff teams and within his local community in Bethnal Green

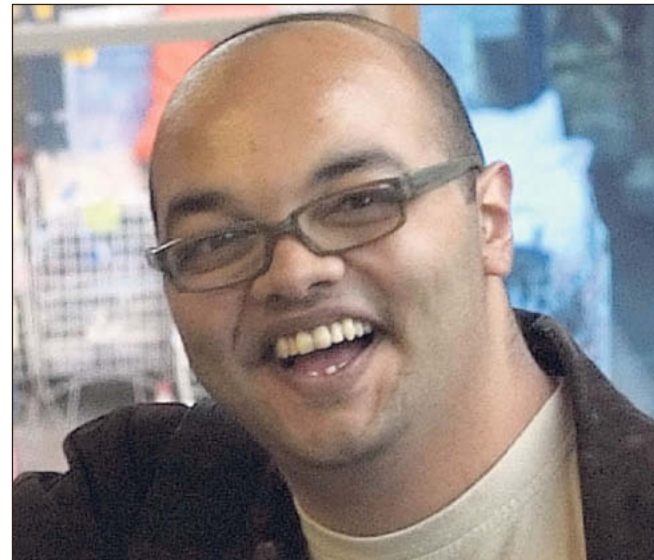
"This was a heartfelt tribute to an amazing young man who

had an impact on all the young people he met in his short but fulfilling life."

Gwen Jones, senior youth manager, added: "Samad touched people's hearts with his ready smile and always had a caring attitude to others."

Samad's enthusiasm for learning and taking on new challenges saw him win two Jack Petchey Youth Awards.

He took an active role in the council's Live Life Your Way campaign and received the Hidden Heroes Award from the youth service for his



Samad Miah, who died at the age of 24

outstanding commitment.

Part of the tribute to Samad's life included the unveiling by young people from the Wessex Youth Project of a mosaic of the Tower Hamlets skyline, made by them, which includes his name.

It will be mounted on the wall of Harpley School, subject

to planning permission.

His friends have also planted a tree at the Wessex Project and young people from the Haileybury Centre have made a bench in his memory.

A collection at the service, held on March 26, raised over £200 for St Joseph's Hospice.

News in brief

Appeal for witness

POLICE are appealing for a witness who may hold crucial information to come forward.

On Wednesday, March 20, between 10.30-11.30pm a man was seen running away from a stolen vehicle in Kingfield Street, Isle of Dogs.

The witness spoke to police at the scene but officers didn't have time to take details as they needed to chase the suspect – who was caught, arrested and is now on bail.

Detective Constable Abbey Rose from the Community Safety Unit at Limehouse Police Station said: "It is often the case that members of the public who have witnessed an incident can provide a vital piece of information that closes the case.

"I would ask the witness to contact me as soon as possible."

If you have any information, call DC Rose on 7275 4558, or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

Stadium deal done

A DEAL has been struck to secure the future of the Olympic Stadium.

West Ham United Football Club, the London Legacy Development Corporation and Newham Council completed the agreement, which confirms the Premier League club as the stadium's long-term anchor tenant.

West Ham will move into the stadium in summer 2016 after it has been transformed into a 54,000-seat venue.

Works will include a new roof, corporate areas, toilets, concessions and retractable seating.



A WHITECHAPEL woman has won funding to help develop the eco-chic market at Spitalfields City Farm.

Rossana Leal (pictured) is one of 500 people from across the UK selected from 2,500 applicants to work for four months, supported by the Vodafone Foundation. She will also help open a community café at the farm and get involved in fund-raising activities.

Rossana said: "I am really excited about having the chance to be able to develop a market selling beautifully made crafts from recycled materials, as well as to be involved in the fund-raising events which sustain the great work at the farm."

THEOs help improve life on estate

ANTI-SOCIAL behaviour on a Bethnal Green estate is being tackled through the introduction of regular patrols by Tower Hamlets enforcement officers.

The THEOs have become a familiar sight at Bentworth Court, where they have dealt

with issues including street drinking, urinating in public and loitering in stairwells.

One resident who has lived at Bentworth Court for 32 years said he had become very scared about living in the block and had considered moving away, but he now felt reassured since the

THEOs had begun patrolling. He said: "I feel a lot safer in the block knowing the THEOs are doing what they're doing."

"These last few weeks have been so much better."

Earlier this year the council, working with Tower Hamlets Homes, decided to send THEOs

on regular patrols of the estate after complaints from residents.

Deputy Mayor Cllr Ohid Ahmed said: "This is a prime example of the THEOs making a very real difference to residents' lives."

The officers are continuing to patrol the area.

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ESOL at Arbour

Students come from countries such as Colombia, Ecuador, Eritrea, Lithuania, Iraq, Morocco, Poland and Uzbekistan.

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East London's link with Uganda

Since the Butabika Link started in 2003, it has grown enormously and is making a significant contribution towards mental health training and development in Uganda.

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News in brief

New singing group

RESIDENTS who like singing are invited to the launch of a community choir on Wednesday, April 17.

Victoria Park Singers will give participants a chance to improve their singing skills, learn new music including pop, gospel, folk and jazz, and take part in concerts and social events.

The inaugural meeting will take place at the Royal Inn on the Park, Victoria Park Village from 7-8.45pm. Visit www.victoriaparksingers.co.uk

Interpreter course

THE Inter-Voice project, which supports young interpreters, is running a free short course. It will include technical training and CV-writing tips.

If you are, or know of, a young person aged 16-19 who interprets in Tower Hamlets, email info.intervoice@google.com or follow the project on Twitter @inter_voice

Attack in Pier St

A PEDESTRIAN was attacked with a piece of wood as he walked along Pier Street on the Isle of Dogs on Saturday, March 23.

Police are appealing for information about the attack which occurred between approximately 4-4.35pm. The three attackers are described as white men, one aged about 50 and believed to be 5ft 8in tall; the other two were approximately 17-21 years old.

Call DC Shoaib Iqbal on 7275 4546 quoting reference 4207399/13 or call Crimestoppers free on 0800 555 111.

Try real nappies

PARENTS and carers can get to grips with real nappies at a special Nappuccino event.

Residents must register and bring along proof of identity and address in order to obtain a voucher for £40 to buy nappies.

The event is on Monday, April 15 at Idea Store Whitechapel from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Call Ruhina Akter on 7364 6931 or email ruhina.akter@towerhamlets.gov.uk



(Clockwise from above) Grand Union Orchestra, Bengali singers and Somali singers celebrating 100 years of the Arbour Square Centre

100 years of Arbour diversity

BY JESSICA ODUBAYO

COLLEGE staff and students celebrated the centenary of one of the borough's learning institutions with an event highlighting the cultural diversity of its students.

The Arbour Square Centre of Tower Hamlets College has

been a beacon of education in the community for the last 100 years.

The grade II listed building which houses the college was fully restored in 1994 and continues to be a vital centre for learning and progression with in the borough.

Staff and students combined their annual awards ceremony

for students learning English as a second language (ESOL) with the centenary celebrations.

More than 450 people attended throughout the day and guests included many former senior staff who have played an instrumental part in delivering the successful ESOL programme over the years.

Learners are from more than

60 different countries including Colombia, Ecuador, Eritrea, Iraq, Lithuania, Morocco, Poland, Somalia and Uzbekistan. The programme educates and supports them through their journey of learning English and successfully integrating with the community.

Celebrations included performances by the Grand

Union Orchestra, recitals of popular nursery rhymes by youngsters from Arbour Square Nursery and food prepared by the students.

Richard Surtees, head of ESOL, said: "We are, and always have been, extremely proud of our staff and learners. Today's event showcases our continued success in working together."



(From left) Cecilia Anim, deputy president of the Royal College of Nursing, Jane Cummings, chief nursing officer for England, Cerdic Hall, primary care mental health liaison nurse, and newspaper columnist and TV host Fiona Phillips

Cerdic wins international nurse award for Africa care

A MENTAL health nurse who works in Tower Hamlets has been named International Nurse of the Year.

Cerdic Hall won the Nursing Standard Award in recognition of his long involvement with mental health care in a Ugandan hospital.

His employer, the East London NHS Foundation Trust, has an educational partnership with Butabika Hospital in the east African country. Known as the Butabika Link, it is also a charity which funds the education and development of mental health workers in Uganda, who are comparatively few in numbers

and have to cover large areas under challenging conditions.

Staff exchanges take place throughout the year to share knowledge.

Cerdic was the co-ordinator of the partnership for many years but is now a primary mental health care nurse in Tower Hamlets. He continues as the chair of the Butabika Link.

He received his award from TV presenter Fiona Phillips at the Victoria and Albert Museum.

"Nursing is all about serving while empowering, and the Butabika Link remains a great opportunity to do this better and better," he said.



Football and a whole lot more

"We have established a whole spectrum of leisure initiatives incorporating activities in which young people can partake, developing skills that will help them throughout their lives."

SOUL SECRETARY TARIK KHAN

Support the charities

The speaker raises the profile of the council. If you want to support any of his charities call...

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Feature

The Social Organisation for Unity and Leisure (SOUL) is one of three charities supported by council speaker Cllr Rajib Ahmed. **Jessica Odubayo** reports on its work providing education, training, sport and cultural experiences for youngsters.

Boosting life chances in Brick Lane

FAMILIAR with the issues and hurdles young people can be faced with, a group of young adults in the Brick Lane area established SOUL.

The organisation's secretary, Tarik Khan, told East End Life that the locality is one of the most socially disadvantaged areas in the borough and affected by issues such as drug abuse, anti-social behaviour and gang warfare.

SOUL aims to promote alternative cultural and experiences for young people, allowing them to reach their full potential as responsible members of the community.

The charity lays on extracurricular activities, which provide the young participants with a wealth of experi-



SOUL at this year's Lord Mayor's Parade

ences. It also promotes education and career projects.

Through its activities, SOUL seeks to introduce concepts of teamwork, com-

mitment, healthy living and respect for peers to participants.

Projects currently include 11 youth football teams for people between the



SOUL FC under-16s

ages of eight and 21; an employment and education scheme; annual overseas trips and a volunteer and leadership project.

"We have established a whole spectrum of leisure initiatives incorporating activities in which young people can partake, developing transferable skills that will help them throughout the course of their lives," Tarik said.

"The organisation has also developed strong links with local schools and other educational institutions and has established a network of professional partners.

"Through these relationships SOUL will provide insightful and useful experiences to young people."

■ To get involved in SOUL's sports programme call 07949 962626 or email asrarmohammed@live.co.uk

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Tower Hamlets' 12 children's centres offer a wide range of activities for under-5s and families can also access facilities to support their health, employment and training.

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Careers fair offers hope for young job seekers

HUNDREDS of young job seekers flocked to a careers fair organised by the council and Jobcentre Plus last week.

Some 300 16- to 24-year-olds went along on March 26 to meet employers recruiting into jobs and agencies that offer support with securing training places and apprenticeships.

Organisations – ranging from Canary Wharf Group to International Hotel Group and construction firm Ardmore Group – spoke to residents about the range of opportunities they have available and how they can help them into work, learning and training opportunities.

With the borough's employ-

ment rate at its highest for a decade, Mayor Lutfur Rahman said the council was committed to maximising employment and training opportunities for residents.

"Our work with businesses on generating new job opportunities is helping more local residents get into work," he said.

Cllr Shafiqul Haque, cabinet member for jobs and skills, said: "We are working with employers who are looking for nearly 500 people to work for them over the next two years."

Skillsmatch, the council's job brokerage service, offers free advice about a wide range of work and training-related opportunities and is also working

with its youth services and schools to ensure that younger residents have the appropriate information, advice and support to fulfill their potential.

Based at the employment and skills centre in Heron Quays, Skillsmatch provide a range of free services to residents looking for employment and training.

Skillsmatch, which has been based in Canary Wharf since 1997, offers a drop-in service. Their services are free and they work with partner organisations throughout Tower Hamlets and Newham.

For more information call 7364 0626 or email skillsmatch@towerhamlets.gov.uk



Tracy Ray, Letitia Samura and Sharon Eames, all from FIS

THE Family Information Service (FIS) is a vital resource for parents, ensuring there is a reliable point of contact in finding childcare and support. The borough's FIS team has recently moved to Greatorex Street and are now running drop-in sessions on

Thursdays from 9am-5pm. They offer free, impartial information, advice and guidance about services for children, young people and families in Tower Hamlets. They can also find out about childcare funding, tax credit information, benefits and changes that may affect you.

In September 2012, the team were awarded the Family First Award; a national accreditation of quality in standards.

Call FIS on 7364 6495, email fis@towerhamlets.gov.uk or drop in to the Parents Advice Centre, 30 Greatorex Street, E1 5NP.



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Centre has a big impact on lives

BY JACQUELINE HARTHILL

THE borough's children's centres make parents feel welcome and have had a positive impact on their lives, according to a recent survey.

Parents and carers were asked by the council if they were satisfied with the services.

The response was overwhelmingly positive and encouraging – 88 per cent felt that attending a children's centre had a positive impact on their relationship with their child.

Almost two thirds (62 per cent) said they attended their local children's centre at least once a week.

Laura Godfrey, whose children have attended Meath Gardens Children's Centre in Bethnal Green, said: "Our favourite centre! The staff are incredibly welcoming and have supported me in life with two children.

"I use many of the activity

ideas at home – painting with household activities, songs and learning about my child's interest with the range of activities."

Kayser Ahmed, who also uses the Meath Gardens centre, added: "Absolutely brilliant, my son Ibrahim has developed excellent skills in sharing and playing with other children.

"The play areas are fantastic, spacious and there are a wide variety of toys. My eldest son was diagnosed with cancer last year; without Sure Start, I would have not been able to cope as my wife needed to stay at the hospital with him."

A parent from Around Poplar Children's Centre said: "I came for support with work and interview and was able to secure a job. I was supported with childcare too."

Children's centres provide a huge range of services and activities including early learning, family support, health, and employment and training.

Other findings included:

■ 78 per cent of respondents felt more involved in their child's learning and development.

■ 90 per cent of those who had accessed family support services were satisfied or very satisfied with the services.

■ 86 per cent of people accessing employment or training services were satisfied or very satisfied.

Monica Forty, head of learning and achievement at the council for children from birth to age 11, said: "We work very hard to ensure that our services meet the needs of families.

"We are never complacent but are delighted with the positive views of families. The survey give us confidence that we are becoming increasingly successful in supporting families to ensure that every child can have the best possible start in life."

For more information call FIS on 7364 6495 or go to www.towerhamlets.gov.uk



They brought religion and language

With them, they would bring a new strand of Protestantism to London – and a new word. ‘Refugee’, derived from the French, came to be used for anybody seeking asylum from persecution.

Got a story to tell?

If you have a tale about East End history, write to John Rennie or email him at johnrennie@gmail.com

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History

The original refugees weaved their way into the fabric of London life

BY JOHN RENNIE

WITH Fournier and Fleur de Lis streets, and old family names including Prelleur, Le Fanu and Dollond, Spitalfields has a little corner of London that (if cockneyfied in the pronunciation) will remain forever French.

And as so often with the East End – with its waves of Jewish, Bengali and Somali refugees among others – it was the forces of war and persecution that brought these French speakers here: in this case the religious convulsions born of the Church’s medieval schism and the rise of Protestantism.

These would begin with Martin Luther nailing his Ninety Five Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, on the eve of All Saint’s Day in 1517, and would move our French speakers, the Huguenots, from mainland Europe to Spitalfields from the mid-1600s on.

With them, they would bring a new strand of Protestantism to London – Calvinism appeared an ascetic and sober creed to Londoners who, while attending their new Protestant places of worship, were still very keen on their earthly and carnal places – and they would bring a new word. ‘Refugee’, derived from the French, came to be used for anybody seeking asylum from persecution.

Persecution is a French-derived word too, and it was with the ‘dragonnades’ that it began in earnest for the Huguenots. These were forced conversions back to Catholicism, which began in 1681, to be followed in 1685 by the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, thus outlawing the practice of Protestantism in France.

Hundreds of thousands fled west, first to the Low Countries and then to London (many more would settle in Ireland and the Americas).

Some 40,000 arrived in London with nothing, as emigration was illegal under French law and they abandoned their possessions.

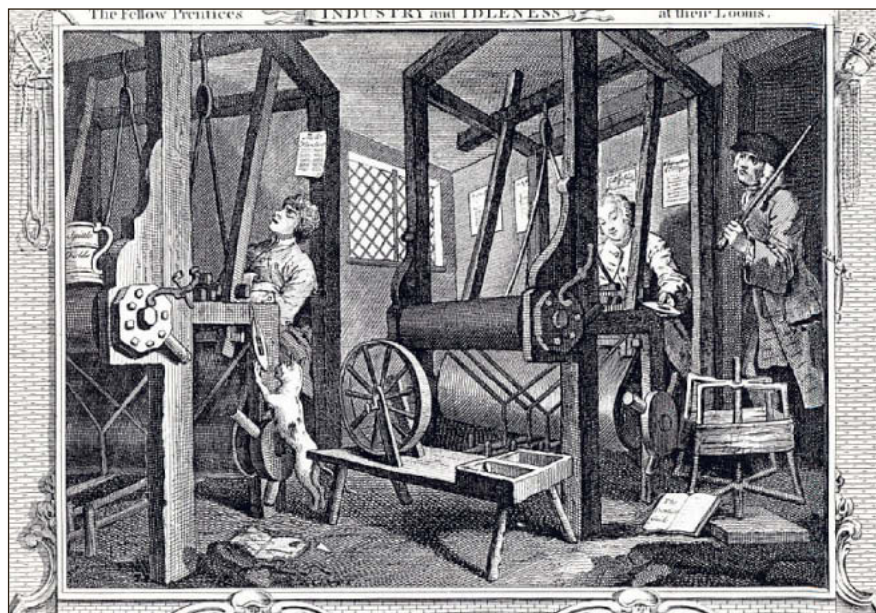
For many, those possessions were silk looms, and the tools of jewellery, watch-making and weaving, but they carried their skills in their minds and their hands.

Finding an unusually friendly reception in London (they had the supreme qualifications of being Protestant, anti-Catholic and despising the French) they were quickly able to set up in business once again. In-



Mr and Mrs Waite at their loom, above.

Right: Hogarth’s Industry and Idleness



deed the Crown provided financing and loans for the new arrivals.

There were caveats of course. The all-powerful guilds within the City of London wouldn’t allow the newcomers within the Square Mile, so the Huguenots settled to the west, in the increasingly urban fields of Soho, and in the east – in the stews of Shoreditch and Spitalfields, and further to Bethnal Green.

And of course these religious refugees needed somewhere to worship. They found two established French churches in the capital. The Savoy church had an Anglican liturgy, and one in Threadneedle Street that had a more austere Calvinist form.

And the increasingly affluent Huguenots (who had quickly driven the indigenous London silkweavers out of business with their superior skills and technology) built their own in the East End. By 1700, there were nine French churches east of Aldgate, all of them celebrating a Calvinist liturgy.

William Hogarth, that great chronicler of London life and people, is an 18th century version of the modern photographer snapping the street life of our city.

Two sets of prints he produced in the 1740s throw a fascinating light on how the Huguenots were seen.

By now they had been here for 50 years and were woven into the fabric of London.

We are shown the righteous path taken by upstanding Huguenots, while evidencing the traps that lay in wait in London should they ‘go native’.

In Noon, the sober, darkly suited Huguenots leave their church to be confronted by their fellow Londoners – drunk, reeling in the gutter, groping one another and stepping over the corpses left to rot in the street.

In Industry and Idleness, we see two young apprentices in a Spitalfields silk workshop. Francis, working hard, will go on to become Lord Mayor of London by the final print in the series. Tom lies asleep next to his loom, a copy of Moll Flanders close at hand. The reason? Next to him sits a large tankard with ‘Spittle Fields’ written upon it.

The incomers were not universally loved. Existing Londoners argued that the influx threatened jobs, drove down wages, put pressure on housing, and that the newcomers threatened public order, morality and hygiene. They also ate strange foreign foods!

And there were threatened riots against the French weavers in Spitalfields in 1675, 1681 and 1683. There was the occasional smashing of looms, but little concerted violence.

The community built a material legacy in the grand terraced houses of Folgate Street, and the obviously French Fournier and Fleur de Lis, in Fashion Street (with the rag trade following hard on the heels of the silk-weavers, and in Calvin Street, reflecting their religious roots.

And for generations, the sheer size of the community meant it retained a cohesion, a culture and its own language. Fascinatingly, though Chaucer had mocked East End French a few centuries before, now Spitalfields became the place for fashionable young men to come and polish their language skills before setting out on their Grand Tour of Europe.

By the end of the 1700s, the Huguenots economic power was waning. Cheaper Chinese and Indian fabrics were coming into London, silk was being smuggled in from Europe, and the fights were now between apprentices and their masters, over steadily eroding wages.

Legislation freeing up trade in the 1820s simply hastened the decline, and by the 1850s, silkmaking was the refuge of the poor. The Huguenots meanwhile, as so many before and since, had completed their own internal diaspora, becoming English speaking, with often-Anglicised names and woven into the weft of the greater London.

A range of services

The council provides many services for residents and businesses. Go to the A-Z on the website at

WWW.TOWERHAMLETS.GOV.UK

Council information

Tower Hamlets forward planner

TOWER Hamlets Council produces a forward plan every month detailing the key decisions it will take, together with the details of

the author, and consultation undertaken. It can be found in Idea Stores, libraries, One Stop Shops and council offices or at www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/data/your-council/data/forward-plan/forward-plan.cfm

Meetings

Tuesday, April 9

9.30am: Extraordinary licensing sub-committee

Business includes applications: to vary premises licence for The Wapping Victualler Ltd, 69 Garnet Street, E1W; for new premises licence for Ekol Food and Wine, 161 Bethnal Green Road, E2; and to vary the premises licence for Corbet Place Bar and Café, Ely's Yard, 15 Hanbury Street, E1.

Call 7364 4120 or email matthew.mannion@towerhamlets.gov.uk

2.30pm: Extraordinary licensing sub-committee

Business includes applications: for variation to premises licences for Preem FC, 108 Brick Lane, E1 and for Preem Restaurant and Balti House, 118-122 Brick Lane, E1; and to review the premises licence for Chillies, 76 Brick Lane, E1. For details contact Matthew Mannion (see above).

7pm: Overview & scrutiny committee

Business includes a progress report on implementation of the children's centres scrutiny review recommendations and

an electoral matters update. Call 7364 4333 or email angus.taylor@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Wednesday, April 10 5.30pm: Cabinet

The agenda includes reports on the Lettings Policy 2013 and the Lettings Plan, older people's housing, and children, schools and families capital programme. For details contact Matthew Mannion (see left).

Thursday, April 11

7pm: Development committee

Call 7364 4877 or email zoe.folley@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Tuesday, April 16 6.30pm: Licensing sub-committee

For details contact Matthew Mannion (see left).

7.30pm: Standards (advisory) committee

For details call Angus Taylor (see above).

Wednesday, April 17

7.30pm: Council

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www.towerhamlets.gov.uk

For information on council services, including:



Get information on welfare reform

The council's benefits service can provide information about housing benefit, council tax benefit and entitlement to free school meals. It has compiled a list of helpful agencies, at...

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Planning

E1

12d Cephas Street – two-storey front extension and loft conversion.

8 Bell Lane – installation of ATM into glazed shop front, replacing part of existing glazing with white laminate finished composite security panel, incorporating ATM fascia with black bezel surround and white illuminated lettering, stating Free cash withdrawals. Blue LED halo illumination to ATM surround.

11 Princelet Street – excavation of basement of architectural studio to give additional storage space and new meeting room with glazed pivot doors to courtyard. Creation of new courtyard at lower level. Removal of timber-framed window to existing house and replacement with glazed timber framed door to provide access to new courtyard.

4 Crispin Place – change of use from restaurant and café to drinking establishment.

141 Brick Lane – change of use of first and second floors and extension to third floor (raising the parapet level to the main building by 1.4m) from 3-bed residential unit to two studio flats and one 1-bed flat.

9-11 Henriques Street – erection of seven-storey building comprising non-residential institution use at ground floor and six flats on upper floors, together with integral refuse store, cycle parking facilities and one car parking space.

329 Mile End Road – details of trees re conditions of planning

permission dated 11.11.11, ref. PA/11/02005.

Land bounded by Ben Jonson Road, Harford Street, Dongola Street, Duckett Street (Block F) & Ben Jonson Road – approval of details re conditions of planning permission dated 13.12.11, ref. PA/11/01294: landscape plans; landscape management strategy; refuse, recycling and composting; cycle storage; ventilation; highway works; and CCTV and lighting.

E1W

Olivers Wharf, 64 Wapping High Street – internal alterations and refurbishment, and replacement windows.

E2

Railway Arches, 250-255 Paradise Row – refurbishment and change of use to commercial arches, including installation of new elevations (brickwork and glazing), internal improvements and resurfaced private access road.

15-17 Redchurch Street – erection of projecting sign on shopfront elevation.

E3

Widow's Son public house, 75 Devons Road – development of second floor 5-bed flat above existing grade II* listed pub; alterations to existing building; and development of two new three-storey houses in adjacent beer garden.

11 Kenilworth Road – single-storey rear extension and internal re-modelling.

22 Lichfield Road – single-storey extension, roof extension and changes to internal layout.

Victoria Park Car Park, Victoria Park, Old Ford Road – application for lawful development certificate re proposed use as car park.

E14

50 Cold Harbour – application for lawful development certificate re proposed erection of single-storey rear extension and loft conversion with rear dormer.

153 Telegraph Place – conversion of garage into habitable room and single-storey rear extension, and addition of front porch.

Indecon Court (Phase 2 site), 20 Millharbour – non-material amendment following grant of planning permission dated 13.6.08, Ref. PA/07/03282.

Amendment(s) sought: revisions to internal layout of hotel rooms on floors 1-11 and alterations to internal walls in residential Block F.

Langdon Park Secondary School, Byron Street – details of green travel plan re condition of planning permission dated 28.6.11, ref. PA/11/00750.

E20

North Park Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park – installation of 1.5m high railings (incorporating gates) to northern section of the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and associated consequential changes to previously approved landscape design.

This is not a definitive list of all current planning applications. For more details go to the council's website at www.towerhamlets.gov.uk and click on Planning & Building.

Drug treatment providers

Community Drug Team

Substitute prescribing, key working, health screening & referral to residential treatment. 71 Johnson Street, E1. 7790 1344 www.lifeline.org.uk

Nafas

Support with a focus on Bangladeshi community. The Davenant Centre, 179-181 Whitechapel Road, E1 7377 0676.

Harbour Recovery Centre

In-patient detox for 18+ males. Riverside House, 4th Floor, 20 Garford Street, E14. 7538 9421

Young People's Service

Treatment for under-19s Unit 26, Skyline Village, Limeharbour, E14. 3069 7878 www.lifeline.org.uk

Isis

For women aged over 18 c/o Hopetown Hostel, 60 Old Montague Street, E1. 7426 0399 www.compass-uk.org

Community Alcohol Team

Unit 22, Skyline Village Limeharbour, E14. 0800 008 7200 www.rapt.org.uk

Somali Substance Misuse

Help, advice & referral for people with khat, alcohol or drug issues. Contact Idriis Elmi. Mind in Tower Hamlets & Newham, Open House 13 Whitethorn Street, E3. 7510 1081

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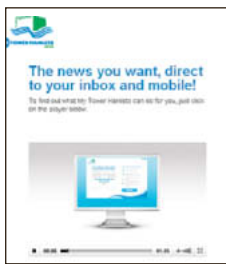
Time: 11am to 1pm

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Look familiar?

Last week's photo was of the mural in Aberavon Road, E3.

Council information

Hotline numbers

Housing benefits – 7364 5001
Council tax – 7364 5002
Parking services – 7364 5003
Streetline – 7364 5004
Adult social care – 7364 5005
Children's services – 7364 5006
Pest and noise nuisance – 7364 5007
Environmental health, trading standards & licensing – 7364 5008
Planning & development – 7364 5009
Business rates – 7364 5010
Recruitment line – 7364 5011
Electoral services – 7364 0872
Tower Hamlets Homes – 7364 5015
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Report it!

To report an incident, use these 24-hour freephone numbers:
Non-emergency crimes – 101
Textphone – 18001 101
Hate crimes – 0800 138 0521

General enquiries

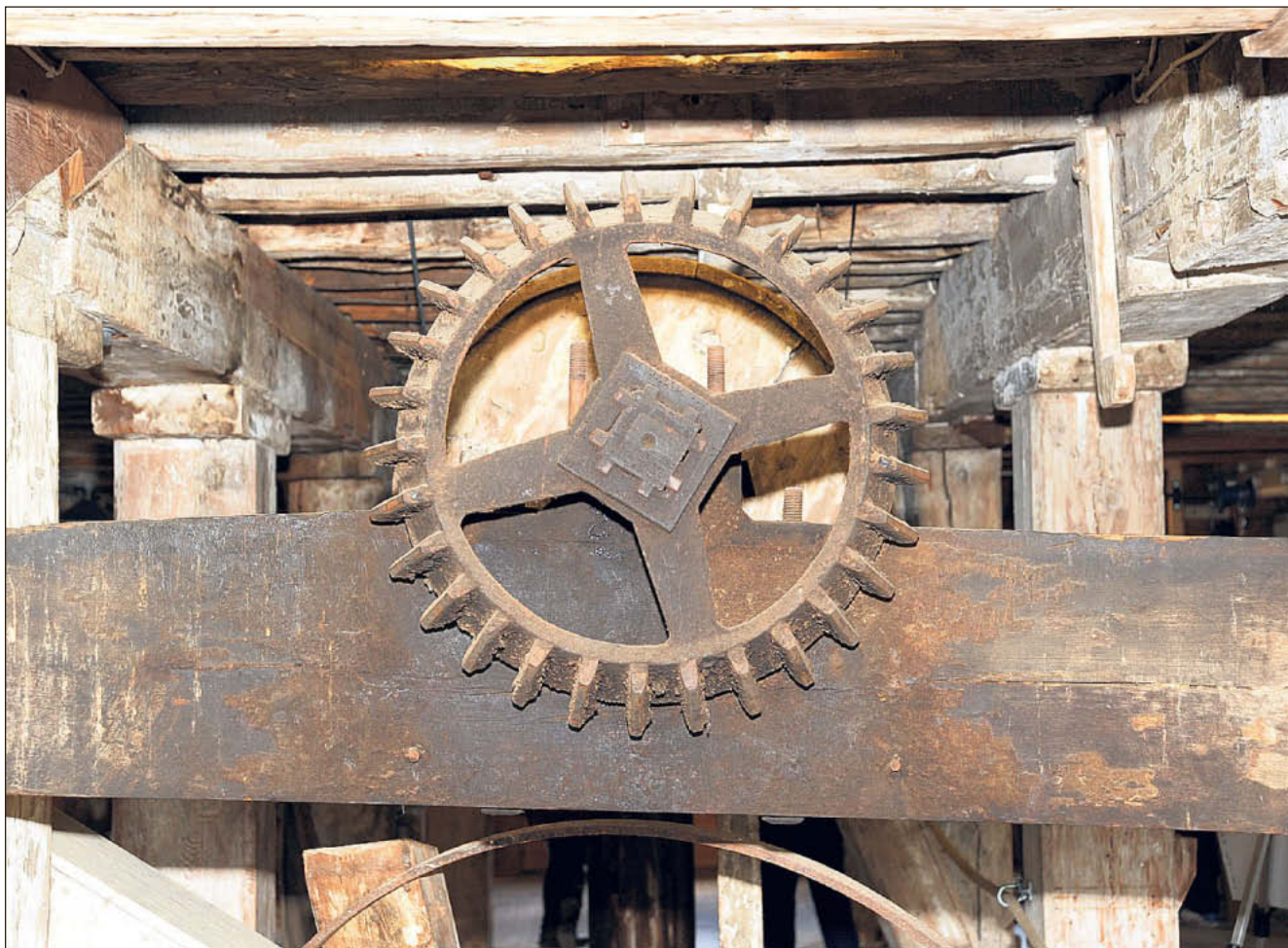
For other council enquiries call 7364 5020.

Useful housing numbers

Housing repairs – 0800 376 1637
Tenancy support – 7364 5544
Housing advice (E14) – 7364 7507
Housing advice (E1, E2 or E3) – 7364 3558
Homeless service – 7364 7474
Choice-based lettings – 7364 0244
Homeseekers – 0845 270 2400

Switchboard

If you know the name of the person or department you



Do you know where to find this unusual feature of the borough? Our popular oddities picture poser gives readers the chance to keep their eyes peeled to see if they can spot where our photographers took the pictures. And if you have photos of your own you want to submit, please feel free. Email eastendlife.news@towerhamlets.gov.uk or send them to Photo Poser, East End Life, Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, Poplar, E14 2BG.

need to contact, call the switchboard on 7364 5000.

Town Hall

Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, E14 2BG.
7364 5000

Other useful information

Safer Neighbourhood teams (SNTs)
SNTs operate in every ward in

Tower Hamlets, providing dedicated community policing that works to priorities set by the public through Local Area Partnerships (LAPs). To find out more about SNTs, contact your local team:
Bethnal Green North 8721 2851
Bethnal Green South 8721 2849
Blackwall & Cubitt Town 8721 2877
Bow East 8721 2807
Bow West 8649 3521
Bromley by Bow 8721 2041
East India & Lansbury

8721 2806
Limehouse 8721 2852
Mile End & Globe Town 8721 2853
Mile End East 8721 2848
Millwall 8721 2850
Shadwell 8649 3524
Spitalfields & Banglatown 8721 2042
St Dunstan's & Stepney Green 8721 2808
St Katharine's & Wapping 8721 2854
Weavers 8721 2043
Whitechapel 8649 3520
If a crime is in progress,

there is an emergency or if anyone is in immediate danger please dial 999.

24-hour domestic violence national helpline
0808 2000 247

Trading standards
Consumer Direct: 08454 040506

Tower Hamlets Mediation Service offers confidential and impartial advice with neighbour conflict.
Free service for council tenants

and leaseholders. Mon-Fri, 9.30am-5pm. 7702 8305

Walk-in services

One Stop Shops

Bethnal Green – 1 Rushmead, off Bethnal Green Road, E2
Bow and North Poplar – 1 Ewart Place, Gladstone Place, E3
South Poplar – 15 Market Square, Chrisp Street, E14
Stepney/Wapping – Cheviot House, 227-233 Commercial Road, E1.
Open Mon-Fri, 9am, doors close at 4.30pm. Sat, 9am, doors close 12.30pm at Rushmead and Cheviot only.

Idea Stores

Bow – Gladstone Place, E3.
Canary Wharf – Churchill Place, Canary Wharf, E14.
Chrisp Street – Vesey Path, E14.
Whitechapel – 321 Whitechapel Road, E1. 7364 4332
All open: Mon to Thurs, 9am-9pm; Fri, 9am-6pm; Sat, 9am-5pm. Sundays – Bow and Chrisp Street open, 10am-4pm; Whitechapel, 11am-5pm; and Canary Wharf, 12-6pm.

Libraries

Bethnal Green – Cambridge Heath Road, E2. 8980 3902
Cubitt Town – Strattondale Street, E14. 7987 3152
Watney Market – 30-32 Watney Market, E1. 7790 4039
All open: Mon, Tues, Weds & Fri, 10am-6pm; Thurs, 10am-8pm; Sat, 9am-5pm.
Local History Library and Archives – 277 Bancroft Road, E1. Temporarily closed during building works, until spring 2013. 7364 1290; email localhistory@towerhamlets.gov.uk

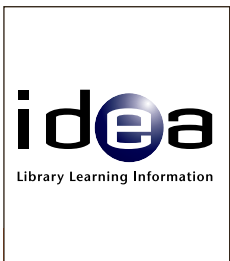
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Xadaynta cusub ee dorashoyinka

New electoral map for Tower Hamlets – see issue 953

TIRADA kownsulariska wakiilada gobolku waxay noqon doonaan, sannadka 2014, 45 halakay ka ahaan jireen 51, hasayeeshee soo jeedimihii muranka dhaliyey bedelka magacayada waxbaa laga bedeley.

Komishankii xuduudaha dawladaha hoose ee Iglan, ee madaxa banaan wuxuu faafiyey talooyinkiisii kama danbaysta ahaa ee qabanqaabada doorashooyinka Tower Hamlets, kadib markii ay muddo sided todobaad ah wada tashi la samaynayeen

dadweynaha.

Magaca Spetalfields iyo Bangla Town sidiisii ayuu ahaanayaa, halka waardka cusub ee loogu magac daray waqooyiga Poplar uu haatan noqon doono Lansbury.

Dhinaca Isle of Dogs, komishanku wuxuu soo jeediyey in Canary Wharf loo isticmaali doono halka Waardka West India iyo in Waardka Island Gardens lagu bedeli doono Millwall.

Waxaa kale oo la soo jeediyey in Victoria Park loo qaybin doono Bow East iyo Bow West, halkii la wada raacin lahaa gabi ahaanba Bow East.

Komishanku wuxuu jeexayaa xuduudaha cusub ee wardkasta gobolka oo dhan, taasi oo tiradooda halakay ka ahay 17 noqon doonta 20, halkaasoo todoba ka mid ahi yeelanayaan sedex kownsular 11 yeelanayaan laba xubnood, labana ay yeelanayaan 1 kownsular.

Maayor Lutfur Rahman ayaa yidhi: “Aad baan ugu faraxsanahay in komishanku macquul noqday oo uu diidey soo jeedimihii kala qaybinta oo uu dib ugu soo celiyey BangalaTawn in ka mid ahaado khariidada doorashooyinka.”

Musuqmaasuqii doorashooyinka Tower Hamlets cadaymo loo waa

METROPOLITAN booliska ayaa daboolka xaqiijiyey in aan wax cadayn loo hayn musuqmaasuq la xidhiidha codbixintii doorashooyinka ee kal hore ee Tower Hamlets, kadib markii baadhinta lagu sameeyey eedeemihii.

Badhitaanka oo uu daareen eedimihii la soo jeediyey bishii Abril, waxaa ka mid ah mid ah booliiska oo booqday 60 guri oo waraysi ka qaaday deganayaashii, kuwii la tuhunsanaa iyo cabashooyinkiiba.

64 kiis oo lagu eedeeyey

No evidence of voting fraud – issue 953

musumaasuqa doorashooyinka ayaa baadhitaan lagu sameeyey, kuwaas oo sedex wax lagu arakay laakiin la waayey cadaymo ku filan in ay faleen danbigaa.

Hasayeeshee, komishanka doorashooyinka wuxuu garawsan yahay in ay godaloo looyin jiraan habka imika loo cod bixiyo, sidaa daraadeed uu ka fiirsanayo sidii loo gufeen lahaa.

Haween afka kownsulka ku hadalaysa ayaa tidhi: “Anaga awalba hawlahayaga iyo ka

hortaga musuqmaasuqa doorashooyinku madmadaw muu gelin.

“Komishanka doorashooyinka ayaa hore u cadeeyey in gudashada xilkayaga uu aad uga wacan yahay aqlabiyada kownsulada London oo dhan”.

Guddoomiyaha komishanka doorashooyinka Jenny Watson ayaa tidhi: “Waxaa wax badan la qaban karaa marka dadka loo damaanad qaado in habkan aynu adeegsano haatan uu ku salaysnaa aminaad.”

Ololaha talaalka hargabka waa guul

INKA bdan sedex dalool afar dalool ayaa waayeelka Tower Hamlets ayaa qaatay talaalka hargabka taasi oo ka gudubtey isku celcelinta London, sidaa waxaa lagu cadeeyey tirooyinka ay soo saartay waxda caafimaadku.

Waxaa kale oo iyaguna ka saareeyey heerka isku celcelinta ee

Flu jab campaign success – issue 953

London iyo Iglan dumarka uurka leh iyo dadka xanuunka joogtada ah qaba ee qaatay talaalka hargabka.

Agaasimaha caafimaadka ee Tower Hamlets ayaa yidhi: “Waxyeelada hargabka waa la dhayalsadaa had iyo jeer.

“Dadka qaarkii, run ahaantii halis ayuu geliyaa oo xiitaa way

u geeriyoodaan. Talaalka hargabku waa badbaado, waanu ka waxtarna wuu u leeyahay dadka hargabku hais ku yahay.”

Mayor Lutfur Rahman ayaa yidhi: “Waxaan jecelahay in aan u mahad celiyo waaxda caafimaadka dad, dhakhtarada iyo farmasiyada oo dadaal weyn u galay ololaha talaalka.”



Easter holiday event at Victoria Park

Easter holiday fun in borough’s parks – see pages 6&7

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ কাউন্সিলের উদ্যোগে আয়োজিত অনেকগুলো ইস্টার ইভেন্টে অংশ নিয়ে বাচ্চা চকোলেট এ্যাণ্ড গ্যাপের স্বাদ যেমন গ্রহণ করে, তেমনি ডিজাইন করে নিজের পছন্দের বনেটস্।

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ইস্টার হলিডে উপলক্ষে তরুণ শিক্ষার্থীদের জন্য নানা কর্মসূচি

Beat the boredom this Easter – pages 6&7

শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠানগুলোতে এখন চলছে ইস্টার হলিডে। ১৫ দিনের এই ছুটির সময়টা যাতে শিশু কিশোর বয়সীদের আনন্দ বিনোদনের মধ্যে কাটে তা নিশ্চিত করতে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ কাউন্সিলের উদ্যোগে পরিচালিত হচ্ছে নানান কর্মসূচি।

মেয়রস্ এন্টিভিটিজ ফর ইয়াং পিপল (এমএওয়াইপি) - এর আওতায় চলতি ইস্টার হলিডের কর্মসূচিগুলোর মধ্যে রয়েছে ক্রিয়েটিভ রাইটিং, লিডারশীপ কোর্স, ফুটবল কোচিং, হর্স রাইডিং ইত্যাদি।

কাউন্সিলের ইয়ুথ এন্ড কমিউনিটি সার্ভিস স্কুল ছুটির সময়ে শিক্ষার্থীরা যাতে আনন্দ বিনোদনের পাশাপাশি অত্যন্ত মূল্যবান দক্ষতা অর্জন এবং নতুন নতুন ছেলেমেয়েদের সাথে সাক্ষাতের সুযোগ পায়, সেই লক্ষ্যে বিভিন্ন ধরনের কর্মসূচি পরিচালনা করছে।

সকল কোর্স, কর্মশালা, কর্মসূচি সম্পূর্ণ ফ্রি। ৮ থেকে ১৯ বছর বয়সীরা এসব কর্মসূচিতে অংশ নিতে পারবে।

নির্বাহী মেয়র লুৎফুর রহমান বলেন, বারার

কিশোর তরুণ জনগোষ্ঠির জন্য আমি সর্বোচ্চ মানের সুবিধাদি নিশ্চিত করতে বদ্ধপরিকর। কারণ, স্কুলের ভেতরে এবং বাইরে তাদের জন্য সুবিধাদি নিশ্চিত করার গুরুত্ব অপরিসীম।

মেয়র আরো বলেন, এজন্য আমরা ইয়ুথ সার্ভিসগুলোতে অধিক পরিমাণে বিনিয়োগ করে যাচ্ছি। ৩৬ মিলিয়ন পাউন্ড ব্যয়ে পপলার বাথের আধুনিকায়ন কর্মসূচির পাশাপাশি স্টেপনীর হাইলিবারি ইয়ুথ সেন্টারকে সর্বাধুনিক মান সম্পন্ন করা হচ্ছে, যাতে করে স্থানীয় তরুণরা এর সুযোগ ভোগ করতে পারে।

কেবিনেট মেম্বর ফর চিলড্রেনস্ সার্ভিস, কাউন্সিলর অলিউর রহমান বলেন, তরুণ বয়সী প্রত্যেকের জন্যই যাতে পছন্দসই বিশেষ কিছু থাকে, তা নিশ্চিত করতেই গৃহিত বিভিন্ন ধরনের কর্মসূচি পরিচালনার জন্য আমরা বহু সংগঠনকে দায়িত্ব দিয়েছি।

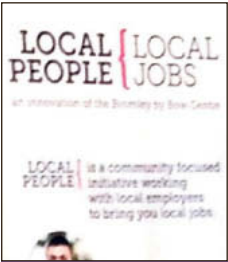
কোথায় কখন কি হচ্ছে, সেসম্পর্কে জানতে হলে ০২০ ৭৩৬৪ ০৭৯৭ নাম্বারে ফোন করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হয়েছে।

ওয়াটনি মার্কেট আইডিয়া স্টোর ওপেনিং ১৪ই মে

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স্থানীয় বাসিন্দারা ওয়াটনি মার্কেট লাইব্রেরীকে শেষবারের মতো বিদায় দিলেন গত সপ্তাহে। ৩১শে মার্চ থেকে তা স্থায়ীভাবে বন্ধ হয়ে গেছে। একই জায়গায় নির্মিত আইডিয়া স্টোর ওয়াটনি মার্কেট টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ কাউন্সিল পরিচালিত সৃজনশীল এই পাঠাগার ব্যবস্থা জনগণের সেবায় নিবেদিত থাকবে।

আগামি ১৪ই মে কমার্শিয়েল রোডের ওয়াটনি মার্কেটে নব নির্মিত আইডিয়া স্টোরটি উদ্বোধন করা হবে। বর্তমান লাইব্রেরি থেকে নতুন এই আইডিয়া স্টোর আরো বড় আকারের হবে এবং এতে সেবা সমূহ আরো বেশি থাকবে। স্থানীয় বাসিন্দারা এখানে কি কি সেবাসমূহ চান তা নিয়ে তাদের সাথে আলোচনা হয়েছে।



স্থানীয়দের জন্যে চাকুরি ও প্রশিক্ষন মেলা

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ বারায় কর্মসংস্থানের হার এক দশকের মধ্যে সর্বোচ্চ পর্যায়ে উন্নীত হলেও, গত মাসে কাউন্সিল এবং জবসেন্টার প্রাস আয়োজিত কর্মসংস্থান মেলায় চাকুরি প্রত্যাশী শত শত তরুণ যোগ দেন এর মধ্যে ৩০০ জন সরাসরি নিয়োগকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের সাথে কথা বলে ট্রেনিং ও এপ্রেন্টিসশীপের সুযোগ গ্রহণ করে।

JOBS AND TRAINING FOR LOCAL PEOPLE

Harmony

কর্মসংস্থান মেলায় যোগ দিলেন তিন শতাধিক তরুণ

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গত মাসে কাউন্সিল এবং জবসেন্টার প্রাস আয়োজিত কর্মসংস্থান মেলায় চাকুরি প্রত্যাশী শত শত তরুণ যোগ দেন। মেলায় ১৬ থেকে ২৪ বছর বয়সী প্রায় ৩০০ জন সরাসরি নিয়োগকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের সাথে কথা বলে ট্রেনিং ও এপ্রেন্টিসশীপের সুযোগ গ্রহণ করে।

মেলায় ক্যানরি ওয়ার্ল্ড গ্রুপ থেকে শুরু করে আন্তর্জাতিক হোটেল গ্রুপ, কনস্ট্রাকশন ফার্ম এয়ারমোর গ্রুপের মতো বড় বড় কোম্পানী অংশ নেয় এবং এই মুহুর্তে তাদের কাছে কর্মসংস্থান সংক্রান্ত কী কী ধরনের সুযোগ রয়েছে এবং কিভাবে তারা কাজ, শিক্ষা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইত্যাদি ক্ষেত্রে সাহায্য করতে পারবে, তা নিয়ে বাসিন্দাদের সাথে কথা বলেন।

মেয়ার লুৎফুর রহমান বলেন, বাসিন্দাদের জন্য কর্মসংস্থান এবং ট্রেনিং সংক্রান্ত সুযোগের সর্বোচ্চ ব্যবহার নিশ্চিত করতে আমাদের যে অঙ্গিকার, তারই অংশ হিসেবে আয়োজন করা হয়েছে এই জব ফেয়ার।

তিনি বলেন, অধিক সংখ্যক বাসিন্দাকে কাউন্সিলের সাথে যারা ব্যবসা করছে, তাদের প্রতিষ্ঠানে চাকুরির ব্যবস্থা করে দিতে আমরা তাদের সাথে অত্যন্ত ঘনিষ্ঠভাবে কাজ করে যাচ্ছি।

কেবিনেট মেম্বর ফর জবস্ এন্ড স্কিলস্, কাউন্সিলর শফিকুল হক বলেন, আমরা সেই সব নিয়োগকারী কোম্পানীর সাথে কাজ করছি, যারা আগামী দুই বছরে প্রায় ৫ শত লে-ককে কাজে নিয়োগ দিতে আগ্রহী। আমাদের জব ব্রোকারেজ সার্ভিস স্কিলম্যাচ স্থানীয় বাসিন্দাদের বিভিন্ন ধরনের চাকুরি এবং ট্রেনিং সংক্রান্ত সুবিধাদি সম্পর্কে পরামর্শ বিনামূল্যে দিয়ে থাকে।

কাউন্সিলর হক বলেন, তরুণ যাতে তাদের যোগ্যতা অনুযায়ী পছন্দের চাকুরি নিয়ে কর্মজীবনে



Cabinet member for jobs and skills, Cllr Shafiqul Haque, at the careers fair

পা ফেলতে পারে, সেজন্য স্কিলম্যাচ যথাযথ তথ্য, পরামর্শ ও সহযোগিতা দিতে ইয়ুথ সার্ভিস ও স্কুলগুলোর সাথে কাজ করে যাচ্ছে। হেরন

কীতে অবস্থিত এমপ্রয়মেন্ট এন্ড স্কিলস সেন্টারে চাকুরি ও ট্রেনিংয়ের জন্য আগ্রহীদের বিনামূল্যে বিভিন্ন সার্ভিস দেয়া হয়।

যৌন বিনোদন ভেন্যুগুলো নিয়ন্ত্রণে নতুন আইনী ক্ষমতার ওপর কনসালটেশন শুরু করেছে কাউন্সিল

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নতুন আইনের পরিবর্তনের প্রেক্ষিতে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসে যৌন বিনোদনের বিভিন্ন ভেন্যু, যেমন ল্যাপ-ড্যান্স, পোল ড্যান্স ক্লাবগুলো নিয়ন্ত্রণের আইনী ক্ষমতার ব্যবহার করা হবে কি-না, সেসম্পর্কে কাউন্সিল জনসাধারণের সাথে পরামর্শ কার্যক্রম শুরু করেছে।

২০১০ সালের ৬ এপ্রিল পুলিশিং এবং ক্রাইম এ্যাক্ট ২০০৯ বলবৎ হয় এবং লকাল গভর্নমেন্ট এ্যাক্ট ১৯৮২ এর ৩ অধ্যাদেশে পরিবর্তন আনা হয়, যার আওতায় সেক্স শপ এবং সেক্স

সিনেমাগুলোকে প্রাচীনকাল থেকে নিয়ন্ত্রণ করা হতো। নতুন অধ্যাদেশ কার্যকর হওয়ার কারণে পুলিশিং এন্ড ক্রাইম এ্যাক্ট ২০০৯ এর অনুবিধিগুলোকে কাউন্সিল প্রাতিষ্ঠানিকভাবে গ্রহণ করতে হবে।

বর্তমানে, যৌন বিনোদনমূলক সার্ভিস প্রদানকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানগুলোকে লাইসেন্সিং এ্যাক্ট ২০০৩ এর আওতায় ভেন্যু লাইসেন্স প্রদান করা হয়েছে। এর অর্থ হলো, যদি তারা লাইসেন্সিংয়ের প্রধান প্রধান শর্ত পূরণ করে, তাহলে আবেদনকারীকে কাউন্সিল

অবশ্যই লাইসেন্স প্রদান করতে হবে।

পুলিশী এন্ড ক্রাইম এ্যাক্ট ২০০৯ কাউন্সিলকে নতুন ক্ষমতা দিয়েছে, যার আওতায় তারা এখন সেক্সুয়াল এন্টারটেইনমেন্ট ভেন্যুগুলো নিয়ন্ত্রণ করতে পারবে। এই অধ্যাদেশের ফলে যৌন বিনোদনমূলক ভেন্যুগুলোর লাইসেন্স দেয়ার ক্ষেত্রে কাউন্সিল আইনী কাঠামোর মধ্যে সিদ্ধান্ত নিতে পারবে।

নতুন এই আইনী ক্ষমতা কাউন্সিল গ্রহণ করবে কি-না, তা নিয়ে কাউন্সিল গত ১৮ মার্চ থেকে

স্থানীয় জনসাধারণের সাথে পরামর্শ শুরু করেছে। এই কনসালটেশন কার্যক্রম চলবে ২৯ এপ্রিল পর্যন্ত। এ ব্যাপারে আরো বিস্তারিত জানতে অথবা এই কনসালটেশনে অংশ নিতে চাইলে www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/consultation এই ওয়েবসাইট ভিজিট করে সেক্সুয়াল এন্টারটেইনমেন্ট ভেন্যুজ কনসালটেশন লিঙ্ক এ ক্লিক করে অংশ নিতে পারবেন। এই সাওর্ভ ফরম পূরণ করতে কোনভাবে ৫ মিনিটের বেশি সময় লাগবে না।

রোকসানা বেগম

রোকসানা বেগম এখন ব্রুটেনের বক্সিং জগতের এক পরিচিত মুখ। ইতোমধ্যে জিতে নিয়েছেন বহু শিরোপা। মিডিয়াতেও তিনি এসেছেন বহুবার। এবারে তিনি লড়াতে যাচ্ছেন ইটালিয়ান সিলভিয়া লা নটির সাথে।

(Right) Muay Thai fighter Ruqsana Begum at her training camp – issue 953



১৬ স্কুলের শিক্ষার্থীরা অংশ নিলো গণিত প্রতিযোগিতায়

Youngsters are the business at maths – see issue 953

১৬টি স্কুলের ছাত্ররা গণিতের বিভিন্ন দক্ষতার উপর এক সিরিজ প্রতিযোগিতায় নেয় এবং তারা অংক করে সমাধান করে দেখায়। এডুকেশন এন্ড বিজনেস পার্টনারশীপের নামবার পার্টনার্স

চ্যালেঞ্জ ২০১৩ শীর্ষক এই সিরিজ প্রতিযোগিতায় টেস্টে কিশোর ছাত্রদের সাথে অংক করায় অংশ নেন তাদের বিজনেস পার্টনাররা। এই ফাইনাল অনুষ্ঠিত হয় বিশপগেইটে রয়েল ব্যাংক অফ

স্টটল্যান্ডের হেড অফিসে। শুধুমাত্র শুদ্ধ উত্তরের জন্যে নয় কিভাবে টিম ওয়ার্ক করা হয়েছে, কিভাবে তারা তা উপস্থাপন করেছে এবং উত্তর ব্যাখ্যা করা হয়েছে এর উপর ও নম্বর দেয়া হয়।

এবারের শীতে ফ্লু জ্যাব নিয়েছেন বহুলোক

Flu jab campaign success – issue 953

ডিপার্টমেন্ট অফ হেলথের প্রকাশিত রিপোর্টে জানানো হয়েছে যে, টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের বহু লোক এবারের শীতকালীন সময়ে ফ্লু জ্যাব গ্রহণ করেছেন।

লন্ডনে ৬৫ বছর বয়সীদের মধ্যে গড়ে ৭১% পার্সেন্ট ফ্লু জ্যাব নিয়ে থাকেন, পক্ষান্তরে জাতীয়ভাবে এর গড় সংখ্যা হচ্ছে ৭৩% পার্সেন্ট। টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসে এই সংখ্যা হচ্ছে শতকরা ৭৫% শতাংশ।

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের পাবলিক হেলথের ডিরেক্টর সোমেন ব্যানার্জি বলেছেন, অনেক সময়ই ফ্লুকে ছোট কোন রোগ মনে করা হয়, অথচ কোন কোন সময় এই রোগ কারো জন্যে মারাত্মক হতে পারে এবং প্রানহানিও ঘটতে পারে। ফ্লু জ্যাব হচ্ছে একটি নিরাপদ ব্যবস্থা।

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ফস্টার কেয়ারারদের

সম্মানিত করা হয়েছে

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের কতিপয় ফস্টার কেয়ারারদের দীর্ঘদিনের সেবাদান কে স্বীকৃতি প্রদান করা হয়েছে। যারা ৫ থেকে ১০ বছর ধরে শিশু-কিশোরদের লালন-পালন করছেন তাদেরকে কেয়ারার্স এওয়ার্ড প্রদান করা হয়েছে।

যারা ফস্টারিং এর জন্যে মনোনীত হয়েছেন তাদের কাজ চালিয়ে যাবার জন্যে প্রয়োজনীয় শিক্ষা প্রদান করা হয় এবং তাদেরকে উৎসাহিত করা হয়।

কিম বিয়ার্ড নামের একজন ফস্টার কেয়ারার যিনি এই কাজে ৫ বছর ধরে নিয়োজিত আছেন এবং এ পর্যন্ত ১৪জন শিশুকে লালন-পালন করেছেন তিনি তার অভিজ্ঞতার কথা বর্ণনা করতে গিয়ে বলেন, আমি মনে করি এই কাজ করার মাধ্যমে প্রাপ্তি রয়েছে, এবং কিছু দেয়ার পর ফেরত পাওয়া ও যায়। তিনি বলেন তার কাছে এখনও তরুণরা আসে যাদেরকে এক সময় তিনি ফস্টারিং করেছিলেন। এটা খুব আনন্দময় অনুভূতি।

তিনি আরো বলেন আমি এখন একজন কিশোরি এবং ২ মাস বয়স্ক শিশুর দেখাশোনার দায়িত্ব গ্রহণ করেছি। এটা অত্যন্ত আনন্দদায়ক যে আমাকে পুরস্কৃত করা হয়েছে। এডুকেশন ,সোশ্যাল কেয়ার এবং ওয়েলবিয়িং এর ডিরেক্টর ইসবেল কেটারমল এই পুরস্কার প্রদান করেন।

চিলড্রেন সার্ভিসেস এর কেবিনেট মেম্বর কাউন্সিলর ওলিউর রহমান বলেন, আমাদের ফস্টার কেয়ারার রা অনবদ্য কাজ করে যাচ্ছেন, আমি অত্যন্ত আনন্দিত তারা যে আজকের সন্ধ্যাটি উপভোগ করছেন। টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের বাসিন্দাদের আমি ফস্টারিং এর কাজে জড়িত হবার জন্যে উৎসাহিত করছি।

ফস্টারিং সম্পর্কে বিস্তারিত জানার জন্যে ০৮০০ ২৭৯ ৯৮৫০ এই নম্বরে ফোন করার জন্যে অনুরোধ করা হয়েছে অথবা www.fosteringandadoption.co.uk - এই ওয়েবসাইট ভিজিট করতে পারেন।

সেন্ট্রাল ফাউন্ডেশন স্কুলের

ছাত্রীরা ক্যানারি ওয়ার্ফে

সেন্ট্রেল ফাউন্ডেশন স্কুলের ইয়ার টেনের দুজন ছাত্রী শবনম আখতার ও নুসরাত চৌধুরি টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস এডুকেশন বিজনেস পার্টনারশীপের উদ্যোগে আয়োজিত এক কাজের অভিজ্ঞতা লাভের প্রকল্পে যোগ দেয়। ক্যানারি ওয়ার্ল্ড গ্রুপের পার্সনেল এন্ড ট্রেনিং ডিপার্টমেন্টে শবনম আখতার ও নুসরাত চৌধুরি প্রাইভেট/পাবলিক কনসোর্টিয়াম ইস্ট লন্ডন বিজনেস প্লেস এ কাজের অভিজ্ঞতা লাভ করেন।

নুসরাত চৌধুরি বলেন, আমি ডাটা এন্ট্রি করি ব্রিস্টলের জন্যে এবং একজন বক্সারের সাথে আমার সাক্ষাৎ হয় যিনি ক্যানারি ওয়ার্ফের মলের জন্যে কমিউনিটির কাছে বার্তা পৌছে দিচ্ছেন।

লার্নিং ডিজএ্যাবিলিটি

গ্রুপের ফিল্ম নির্মাণ

লার্নিং ডিজএ্যাবিলিটি গ্রুপের উদ্যোগে একটি ফিল্ম নির্মাণ করা হয়েছে। টাওয়ার প্রজেক্টের উদ্যোগে এই ফিল্ম নির্মাণ প্রকল্পের মাধ্যমে যাদের লার্নিং ডিফিকাল্টিজ রয়েছে তাদেরকে চলচ্চিত্র নির্মাণে সহযোগিতা করা হয়।

ধারাবাহিক ভাবে কয়েকটি ফিল্ম নির্মাণের প্রথম পর্যায়ে পার্কে ছবিটির সূচিং এর আয়োজন করা হয়। হাতে কলমে কাজ করার মাধ্যমে নির্মাতারা ছবি নির্মাণের কলা কৌশল শিখেন এবং কি ভাবে ছবির কাহিনি থেকে শুরু করে চিত্র গ্রহণ করে তা থেকে একটি চলচ্চিত্র নির্মাণ করা হয় এসব তারা শিখেন।

প্রকল্পের সদস্যরা রোল প্লে, ইন্টারভিউ নেয়া ইত্যাদি করেছেন, এ ছাড়াও ৬টি শটের জন্যে কাহিনি নির্মাণের উপর ও এক্সটারসাইজ দেয়া হয়।

টিন এজার ও বয়স্কদের জন্যে

অটিজম বিষয়ে সহযোগিতা

টিন এজার ও বয়স্কদের জন্যে অটিজম বিষয়ে সহযোগিতা করার জন্যে নতুন একটি সেবা দান কর্মসূচি শুরু করার জন্যে কাজ চালিয়ে যাচ্ছে।

কেয়ার ও সাপোর্ট সার্ভিস প্রণয়নের জন্যে কাউন্সিল ক্রিনিক্যাল কমিশনিংগ্রুপ, ফিনিব্র স্কুল এবং ইস্ট লন্ডন এনএইচ ফাউন্ডেশন ট্রাস্ট যৌথ ভাবে কাজ করে যাচ্ছে। এর লক্ষ্য হচ্ছে যারা অটিস্টিক তারা যতদূর সম্ভব কারো উপর নির্ভরশীল না হয়ে যাতে চলা ফেরা করতে পারে।

অটিজম হচ্ছে একটি দুরারোগ্য ব্যাধি যার কোন উপশম নেই-এর মাঝেও কিছু সংখ্যক লোক আছেন যারা পরনির্ভরশীল না হয়ে ও চলা ফেরা করতে সমর্থ হয়ে থাকেন। অন্যদের পরনির্ভরশীল হয়ে চলা ফেরা করতেই হয় এবং এরজন্যে জীবনভর বিশেষ সেবা যত্নের প্রয়োজন হয়ে থাকে।

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসে ১৯৯০ জন লোকের অটিজম রয়েছে এদের বয়স ১৮ বা তার উর্ধ্বে, ২৯৬ অটিজম ব্যাধি আক্রান্ত এদের বয়স ৩ থেকে ১৮ বছর, এরা টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস স্কুলে গিয়ে থাকেন।

সেবা প্রদানের জন্যে পরিকল্পনা গ্রহণের ব্যাপারে ন্যাশনেল অটিজম স্ট্রীটেজির ৭টি গুণগত ফলাফল এবং তিনটি সেবার লক্ষ্যর দিকে আলোকপাত করা হবে।

কেয়ারার্স দের জন্যে আগামি ১৬ই এপ্রিল সকাল ১১টার সময় ফিনিব্র ক্যাফেতে এক ড্রপ ইন সেশনের আয়োজন করা হয়েছে, আগ্রহী বাসিন্দারা এতে যোগ দিতে হলে নাদিয়া হকের সাথে এই নম্বরে ০২০৭ ৩৬৪ ১২২৭ কথা বলার জন্যে অনুরোধ করা হয়েছে।

হেলথ এন্ড ওয়েলবিয়িং এর কেবিনেট মেম্বর কাউন্সিলর আব্দুল আসাদ বলেন, প্রধান প্রধান সেবা প্রদানের ব্যাপারে আমরা আমাদের বাসিন্দাদের অভিমত গ্রহণ করে সেবা প্রদান নিশ্চিত করবো। অটিজম ব্যাধি আক্রান্ত ব্যক্তিদের ওয়েলবিয়িং ও গুণগত মানের ব্যাপারে প্রজেক্ট টিম গবেষণা করে পরিমাপ করে যাচ্ছেন। আমরা বর্তমানে প্রদত্ত সেবা প্রদান ও নতুন ব্যবস্থা সম্পর্কে জানতে আগ্রহী।

সেন্ট্রাল ফাউন্ডেশন স্কুলের

ছাত্রীরা ক্যানারি ওয়ার্ফে

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লার্নিং ডিজএ্যাবিলিটি

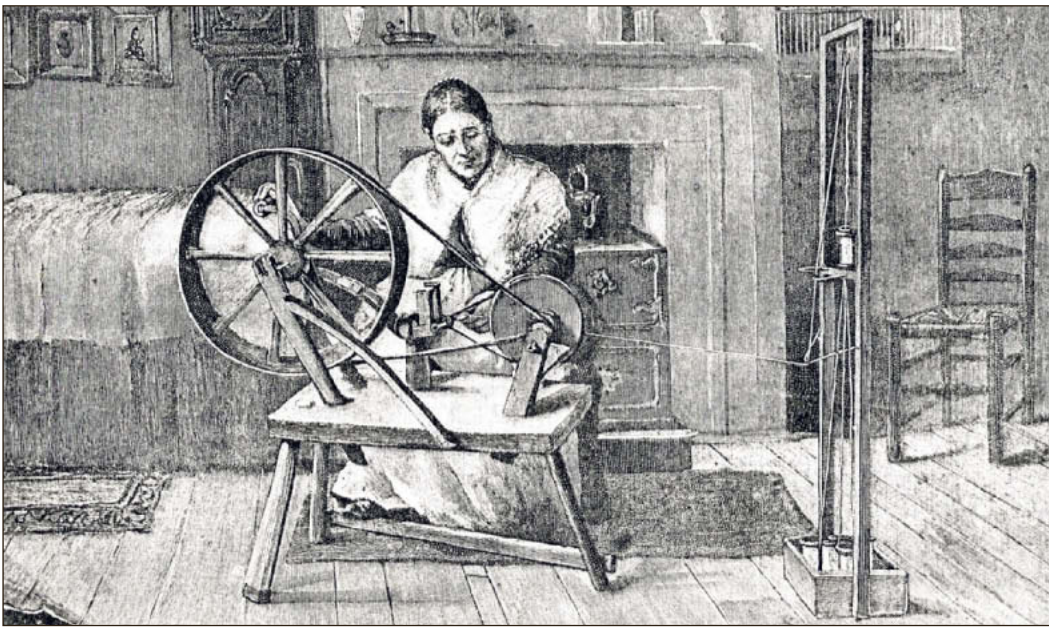
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প্রকল্পের সদস্যরা রোল প্লে, ইন্টারভিউ নেয়া ইত্যাদি করেছেন, এ ছাড়াও ৬টি শটের জন্যে কাহিনি নির্মাণের উপর ও এক্সটারসাইজ দেয়া হয়।

■ The above stories are: foster carers are honoured – issue 953; services for adults with autism – 953; Central Foundation Girls School pupils take work experience at Canary Wharf – 953; learning disability group gets creative on film project – 953.



The Huguenots were famous for dress making



Huguenot houses in Spitalfields

Get to know the H



Dennis Severs' House

Places to visit during the festival

Dennis Severs' house, 18 Folgate Street, E1

A magical 18th century recreation of a Huguenot silk weaver's family home. Visiting hours are being extended during the festival, Tues-Fri, Apr 9-12 & 16-19 open 12-4pm. Entry: £10.

7247 4013

www.dennissevershouse.co.uk

The Bank of England Museum, Bartholomew Lane, EC2

Exhibition until May 10 celebrating the achievements of the Huguenots and their early connection with the Bank. Entry is free.

7601 5545

www.bankofengland.co.uk

The English Restaurant, 50-52 Brushfield Street, E1

The first floor has been set aside in the restaurant, which is in what is considered to be one of the oldest 17th century town houses in the area.

7247 4110

www.theenglishrestaurant.com

Geffrye Museum, 136 Kingsland Road, E2

The UK's only museum of the home. Entry is free, but check website for entry times.

www.geffrye-museum.org.uk

7739 9893

Gold, 42 Brushfield Street, E1

A food shop and deli housed in an 18th century building. Amelia Gold was a French milliner who ran a shop from the premises in the 1890s.

7247 2487

www.agoldshop.com

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7247 4745

www.townhousewindow.com

Crisis Skylight London Café, 64 Commercial Street, E1

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7426 3867

www.crisis.org.uk

Festival celebrates the legacy of French

BY LARAINÉ CLAY

WHAT do film stars Johnny Depp and Charlize Theron have in common with Fabergé jewellers or Samuel Roget who wrote the Thesaurus? Or Duran Duran singer Simon Le Bon with 18th century theatre impresario David Garrick?

The answer lies in the 17th century purge of Protestants in France and their resulting exile into countries across Europe, including England.

An estimated 50,000 Huguenots fled to England, many settling in London. Some went to Soho, others joined an established weaving community in Spitalfields.

But as well as their silk-making skills, they have had an influence in many other areas of commerce and wider society, such as banking, medicine, silver and gold work, the theatre and even the military.

And the likes of Depp, Theron and Le Bon, who all have Huguenot ancestors, are far from unusual – historian Dr Robin Gwynn believes three quarters of the population could have some Huguenot blood in their veins.

This month sees a celebration of their contribution to society with The Huguenots of Spitalfields Festival, which runs from April 8 to 21 with a huge programme of events.

The organisers also hope the festival will help raise money for public artwork dedicated to the Huguenots in Spitalfields and for the Huguenot Heritage Centre in Rochester and its work with the

Dolls were used to model the latest dress designs made from Huguenot fabrics, above



Facts & figures

■ Of the 1,250,000 Protestants who fled to England, 250,000 Huguenots fled to England in other Protestant countries. The largest number of Huguenots who received the largest number of Huguenots, 50,000 came to England.

■ There are many claims to the name – one is that it was Eidgenossen, meaning those with a strong common cause, another is that it was derived from the French word for 'Huguenot'.

French Hospital almshouses in the Kent town which provides accommodation for elderly people in need.

The festival marks two anniversaries this year. It is 415 years since the signing of the Edict of Nantes, which allowed Protestants the freedom to practise their faith in France. It was its revocation in 1685 that led to many thousands fleeing the country.

The second date is the 250th anniversary of the death of Anna Maria Garthwaite, an English woman who moved from Lincolnshire to Princelet Street in Spitalfields, to work with the Huguenots.

Her paintings of the flowered patterns the weavers used are renowned for their botanical accuracy. The Victoria & Albert Museum in Kensington has a collection of more than 800 of her intricate designs.

Wearing Spitalfields silk was a status symbol in the 1700s to mid-1800s, when the weaving industry was at its peak.

A dress would take months to weave and days to sew, and vast amounts of fabric were needed – up to 20 metres for each dress. Dolls were used to show the new sea-



A Spitalfields weaver in 1895

Huguenots

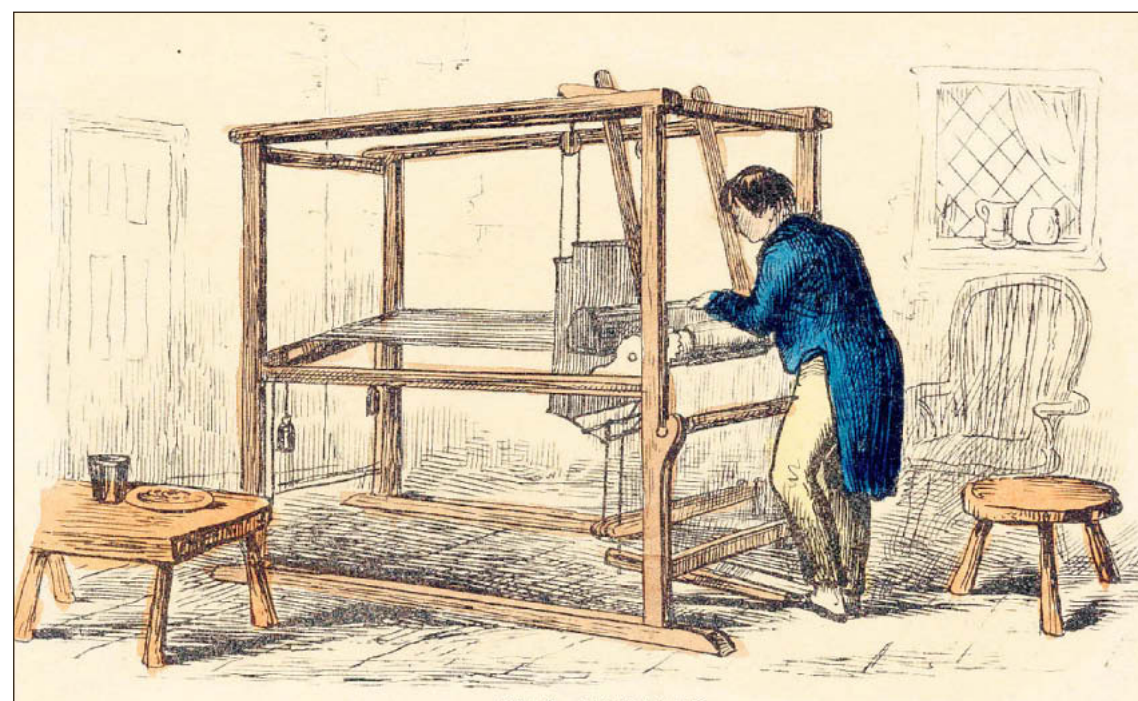
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from Hugon's Gate in Tours, a nocturnal
meeting place for Protestants.

- Their first London church was set up in Threadneedle Street, in the City, in 1550.
- The Huguenots introduced oxtail soup to the British, as well as the Protestant work ethic.
- Up to 20 metres of silk were needed for some of the dresses made by the Spitalfields weavers.



The Huguenots were highly skilled in their craft

son's designs. The Huguenots dominated the
area for decades – French was the
dominant language and there were nine
Huguenot chapels, compared to just two
Anglican churches.

The introduction of cotton from America

and changing fashions changed the fortunes
of the Huguenots, but their influence
continues today as the Garrick Theatre,
Courtauld Institute of Art and the famous
Fabergé jewel-encrusted eggs bear witness
– along with a few Hollywood stars.

Dates for your diary

Ongoing

Guided walks on three themes

The Immigrants' Story, Historic Spitalfields
and The Silk Weavers of Spitalfields – take
place daily at 11am, 12noon, 2pm & 3pm.
£10 per person.

Must be pre-booked. Meet at Christ Church
Spitalfields, Commercial Street, E1.

For tickets, email bookings@huguenotsofspitalfields.org



Tours and talks at Bishopsgate Institute

Includes talks on Spitalfields silk, the trades
of the Huguenots and taster sessions in
French.

Historian and local resident Dan
Cruickshank speaks about Disappearing
Spitalfields and there are tours of the
recently restored grade II* listed Institute
building.

Times and dates vary
230 Bishopsgate, EC2.

7392 9200

www.bishopsgate.org.uk

Thurs, Apr 11

Thanksgiving service at 11am in Christ Church, Spitalfields

Collection for Spitalfields Huguenot Art
Fund and the Huguenot Heritage Centre.

For tickets, email info@huguenotsofspitalfields.org

Sat, Apr 13

The Big Weave

Variety of stalls – all with links to the
Huguenots' legacy – and live
entertainment.

Textiles arts group Stitches in Time will run
a weaving workshop where visitors can
take part in making textiles inspired by the
Huguenot weavers, plus a demonstration
of weaving and spinning by members of
the London Guild of Weavers, Spinners and
Dyers. 10am-5pm.

Spitalfields Market, Brushfield Street, E1.

Sun, Apr 14

Tour of Sandys Row Synagogue with Jeremy Freedman, 6th generation member of the community.

Built as a Huguenot chapel in 1763 and
converted into a synagogue in the 1850s, it

retains much of the original Huguenot
interior and some incredible artefacts.

Entry £5. 11am & 2pm

4a Sandys Row, E1.

www.sandysrow.org.uk

Tues, Apr 16

At Home with Anna Maria

Fund raising event at an 18th century
Huguenot house in Spitalfields with Clare
Browne, curator of textiles at the V&A, and
historian Dan Cruickshank. Wine and
canapés will be served. £25 per head. 5-6pm.

Tickets from bookings@huguenotsofspitalfields.org

huguenotsofspitalfields.org

Life and death in Spitalfields: the human remains from Christ Church Crypt, 30 years on.

Nearly 400 (out of more than 900)
skeletons removed were named
individuals. The original project collated a
huge amount of information about
individual lives and social circumstances.
Talk by Dr Margaret Clegg, head of human
remains unit at the Natural History
Museum. £7 (£5 concs). 7pm.

Christ Church, Spitalfields.

Book on 7377 1362 or

www.spitalfieldsmusic.org.uk/whats-on



Fri, Apr 19

Open Day, Christ Church, Spitalfields

Consecrated in 1729, it is one of the finest
baroque churches in the country and
considered to be Nicholas Hawksmoor's
masterpiece. Huguenots held key roles in
its commissioning, building and early life,
and Huguenot memorials remain inside
today. Entrance free, tour £10 per head.

10am-4pm; rector's tour at 11am; free
lunchtime recital by soprano Carola
Darwin 1.10-2pm.

Contact 7426 5363 or

huguenots@ccspitalfields.org

For the full programme, information on
ticket prices and availability, programme
changes and updates visit

www.huguenotsofspitalfields.org

The Huguenots of Spitalfields Festival is
supported by The Huguenot Society and
The Spitalfields Trust.

Where events are free, a donation to the
Huguenot Public Art Fund would be
appreciated.



What a find

See images of items given up by the River Thames at low tide.

SEE BELOW



The art of engineering

The Cabaret of Mechanical Theatre features ingenious engineering combined with high art, a sense of humour and the chance to learn about the skills of mechanical movement.

SEE BELOW

Out & about guide

What's on where this week

Events

Cabaret Mechanical Theatre

Performing machines. £5 adults, £3.50 conchs, under-5s free. Until Fri, Apr 12, 12noon-5pm. MS Stubnitz, Wood Wharf, E14. ms.stubnitz.com

Exhibitions

Riverbed Rotherhithe

Photos of river flotsam and jetsam. Free. Until Apr 30, times vary. Oxford House, Derbyshire Street, E2. 7739 9001

Film

La Reine Margot

Classic French film shows; part of the Huguenots of Spitalfields festival. £8, includes a glass of wine. Mon, Apr 8, 7pm. The Water Poet, Folgate Street, E1. www.wegotickets.com/thewaterpoet

Kids

Storytelling & Drama Workshop

Energize4Girlz Holiday Club. Mon-Fri, April 8-12; girls aged 8-12, 1-3pm & aged 13-16, 3.30-5.30pm. St Mary's Cable Street Hall, 71 Johnson Street, E1. 07748 734593

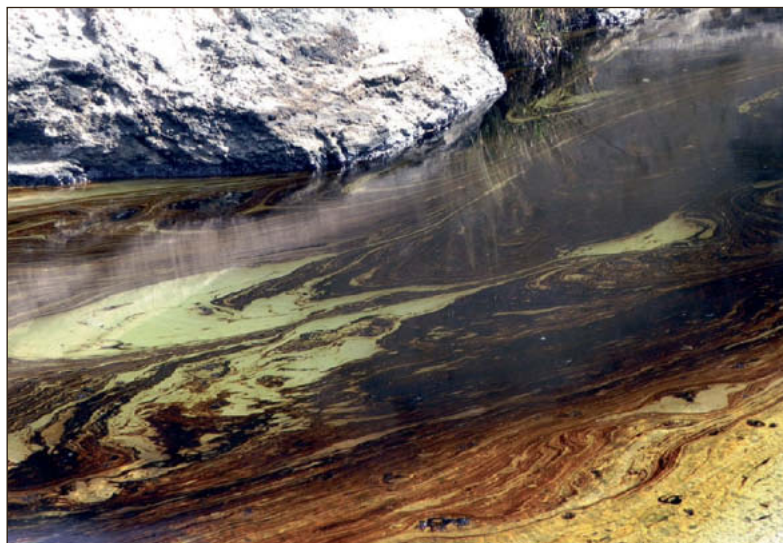
Music

Pure Intec launch party

Celebrates the re-launch of DJ Carl Cox's compilation. £12 in adv. Thurs, Apr 11, 10pm-3am. XOYO, 32-37 Cowper Street, EC2. 7354 9993 www.xoyo.co.uk

Golden Era of Jazz

Traditional 1920's and 30's jazz and swing from Old Hat Jazz Band. £4. Every Thurs, 7-11pm. Jamboree, 566 Cable Street, E1W. www.jamboreevenue.co.uk



Seep

The Chisenhale Gallery presents the first UK solo exhibition by Netherlands-based artists Nasrin Tabatabai and Babak Afrassiabi, which includes video projections, objects and prints from Iran, where they work. Until May 12, open Weds-Sun, 1-6pm. Chisenhale Gallery, 64 Chisenhale Road, E3. 8981 4518 www.chisenhale.org.uk

Theatre

Carnaby Street

Set in the sixties' West End, this is the story of Jude, a working class boy from Liverpool, who moves to London to seek fame and fortune; with music from The Beatles, The Rolling Stones and more. £10-£27.50. Until Apr 14, times vary. Hackney Empire, 291 Mare Street, E8. www.hackneyempire.co.uk

Walk

Jewish East End

Stephen Burstin leads a tour of Spitalfields and Aldgate, visiting the Bevis Marks Synagogue, the first Yiddish theatre in England and other sites. £10 adult, £5 children, must be booked in advance. Sun, Apr 14, 10am. Meet at Aldgate Tube station. www.jewishlondonwalkingtours.co.uk

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Kids

Kids' creative dance classes

For ages 2-16. Tues afternoons and Sat mornings. £36 per term/£24 conchs. Chisenhale Dance Space, 64-84 Chisenhale Road, E3. 8981 6617 www.chisenhaledance.space.co.uk

Pollyanna Training Theatre

Drama and musical theatre for ages 4-16 in Wapping, E1. 7481 1911

Rhyme time

Thurs, 2-3 pm. Watney Market Library, 30-32 Watney Market, E1. 7790 4039

Young & talented?

Performing arts group for 6-to 16-year olds. Sats, 10.30am-1.30pm, term-time. Oxford House, Derbyshire Street, E2. 8556 5348

Music

Creative Unity steel band

Steel pan classes Thurs, 6.30-8.30pm. St Matthias Community Centre, 113 Poplar High Street, E14. 07808 847974

Parent & child

Dance play

Dance and movement for parents/carers and children aged 1-5. Weds, 10-11.15am until Mar 30. Free. Language of Dance Centre, Oxford House, Derbyshire Street, E2. 7749 1131

Island Tots

For childminders, parents and kids ages 0-4. Mon-Fri, 1-3pm, term-time. 55 Club, Samuda Estate, Stewart Street, E14. 7538 3292

Toyhouse library

Mons, 1.30-3.30pm, Halley Primary School, Halley Street, E14. Tues, 2-3.30pm, Cayley School, Aston Street, E14. Weds, 9.20-10.45am, Harry Roberts Nursery, Harford Street, E1. 1-2pm, TH Opportunity Playgroup, 583 Commercial Road, E1. 9-11am, Old Church Nursery, Walter Terrace, E1. 9-11am, Alice Model Nursery School, 14 Beaumont Grove, E1.

Yoga for pregnancy and mums and babies

Pregnancy class suitable from 14 weeks. Mums and babies classes suitable from six weeks until baby is crawling.

07958 645978 www.clareday-yoga.co.uk

Social

3 Bees Café

Healthy vegetarian and fish dish, served for £3, takeaways available. Tues, 4-8pm. Kingsley Hall Community Centre, Powis Road, E3. 07501 468 193

Asian deaf/hard of hearing people drop-in times

Tues, 10am-1pm, free. Trinity Centre, Key Close, E1. 7790 8478 minicom 7791 0105

Birchfield OAPs club

Mon-Fri, 7-9.30pm; Weds, 1-4pm. 50 Saltwell Street, E14.

Fern Street Settlement Club

Fern Street, E3. 7987 1949

Golden Ladies

Pensioners group for bingo and social. Weds, 2-4pm. Dockland Settlements, 197 East Ferry Road, E14. 7987 6824

Email your details to eastendlife.news@towerhamlets.gov.uk



Highly regarded by the critics

The Space has received critical acclaim for its productions. Its in-house theatre company, SpaceWorks, provides training in both performance and behind the scenes theatre skills.

WWW.SPACE.ORG.UK

Look who's cooking

Top chef will help brain injury charity Headway East London launch its first pop-up restaurant this week.

SEE BELOW

Out & About

Community theatre group on the lookout for talent

BY TOM SHEEN

ISLE of Dogs theatre The Space is holding open auditions for residents to fulfil a dream and become a star of the stage.

Workspace Productions is a community theatre group based at the Space, which puts on three 16-week projects each year.

The group is open to performers of all ages, abilities and experience.

Whether you've always enjoyed acting as a hobby, always wanted to try it or even fancy a new hobby, then the open productions could be for you.

And the group is also looking for people to cover backstage roles such as state management, production, directing,



lighting, design, costume, set and sound.

The first production, *There is a War*, is a black comedy by Tom Basen, about Anne, an army nurse who struggles to find not only the hospital she is supposed to be working at, but the entire war itself.

Coming across a minister,

some old friends and a violent army general, Anne begins to question her own purpose and the purpose of the war.

At the open call you'll get to meet current members and find out more about the show.

They take place on Tuesday, April 9 and Thursday, April 16, both at 7pm, at The Space, 269

Westferry Road, Isle of Dogs.

Rehearsals will take place every Tuesday evening from 7-10pm with four performances from June 20 to 23.

To register your interest or for more information call 7515 7799 or email info@space.org.uk

■ East End actress Shelley Williams is looking for young talent to join Stage Studio at Theatre Royal Stratford East.

Shelley has been in recent productions *Jack and the Beanstalk*, *Wah! Wah! Girls*, *Cinderella* and *Take Away*, and has also performed in the West End and at the House of Lords, where she played former East End MP Oona King in a dramatisation of *Baroness King's diaries*.

"My hope is to find and encourage east London talent to

meet the growing demand," said Shelley.

"Having worked in the industry for many years I am lucky to be able to source incredible teachers. We also get a lot of industry interest and have already had students perform in film, commercials and the West End.

"You don't have to dream of stardom to join; there are many other benefits to performing arts training. It builds confidence and encourages skills that can be used and enjoyed for life."

There is no audition to join Stage Studio, which is open to ages seven to 16. The first session is free, on Sunday, April 14, at Theatre Royal Stratford East, Gerry Raffles Square, E15. Subsequent sessions cost £15.

www.stagestudio.co.uk

Join the Matchgirls cast

AUDITIONS are being held this weekend for a community musical to be staged at Wilton's Music Hall, based on the story of women who worked at the match factory in Bow.

Actors, singers, musicians, dancers, costume makers and prop designers are needed for *Matchgirls*, which will be performed on the hall's historic stage in Graces Alley, Wapping.

The production is being organised by trade union Unite as part of celebrations to mark the

125th anniversary of the Bryant & May matchgirls 1888 strike.

There are about 20 community roles to be filled and the successful performers will work alongside professionals.

Auditions are being held at Faraday House, 48 Old Gloucester Street, Holborn on Sunday, April 14 with rehearsals every Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings starting on April 28. The show will be staged in July.

For an application form, email matchgirls@unitetheunion.org or call 7611 2517.

River Café chef at Headway

A TOP chef will help brain injury charity Headway East London launch its first pop-up restaurant this week.

Michelin starred Joseph Trivelli, who is head chef at the renowned River Café, has been training three people at the charity – and the aspiring chefs will work alongside him at the opening this Thursday, April 11.

Joseph began volunteering with the charity last July when he cooked a stone-baked pizza for its 15th birthday party.

The restaurant is situated in the arches on Timber Wharf, behind Headway's offices at 238-240 Kingsland Road, E2.

Tickets for the one-off special are on sale via www.wegotickets.com but numbers are limited to 30 places.

ACCLAIMED British-Indian musician Susheela Raman will perform in a special concert kicking off a two-week festival on South Asian culture.

The performance will be one of the headline performances of *Alchemy*, the annual music, dance, literature, design and debate festival from South Asia that takes place at the Southbank Centre.

Susheela has released five albums since her 2001 debut *Salt Rain*, which was nominated for the Mercury Prize.

She will be performing at the Royal Festival Hall on Wednesday, April 10, with Rizwan-Muazzam Qawwali and the Master Musicians of Rajasthan, tabla star Aref Durvesh, and guitarist Sam Mills.

Other attractions at *Alchemy*, which runs from April 10-21, include circus and aerial shows from the Daksha Sheth Dance Company, and special performances from Hariharan, Anoushka Shankar and Harshdeep Kaur.

There is also a street market. Many of the *Alchemy* performances are free – for full listings visit www.southbankcentre.co.uk/whatson/festivals-series/alchemy



News in brief

Art at St John

AN exhibition of mosaic, stained glass and stone carving, inspired by old photographs, pictures from forgotten books, fragments of music and ceramic found on the shore of the Thames, is on this week.

Lost and Found: a celebration of artistic inspiration is at The Belfry, St John on Bethnal Green Church, on the corner of Cambridge Heath Road and Roman Road. All the works were made in the church's Community Art Room.

Visit on Saturday and Sunday, April 13 & 14 from 11am-5pm.

Thrills at Spill

AN international festival of experimental performance and live art features artists from around the world.

The Spill Festival of Performance has been taking place at six venues in London including the Whitechapel Gallery, Toynbee Studios and the Barbican.

This week's events at Toynbee Studios, in 28 Commercial Street, Aldgate, include *Spill Folk Academy* on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 9 & 10 from 11am-5pm, a two-day gathering that aims to audit what artists and cultural workers need to work in challenging times. It ends on Wednesday from 7.30-9.30pm with an indoor picnic.

On Friday, April 11, the studios host the world premiere of *Last(ing)* by Martin O'Brien, which considers the nature of human existence, particularly within chronic illness, reflecting his own experience of cystic fibrosis. The 45-minute performance starts at 7pm and tickets cost £10 (£8 concs).

For a full programme visit www.spillfestival.com or call 7247 5182.

Whisky award

BOISDALE, at Cabot Place, Canary Wharf, has been named Whisky Restaurant of the Year.

Whisky Magazine gave the prize to the Scottish restaurant at their Icons of Whisky Awards, which recognises and celebrates the best whiskies and establishments in the world.

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Eating out, eating in

Food with a View of the summer of 2012

BY MUNCHING MAMA

ON a rare sunny weekday, Peckish Papa and I took the opportunity to revisit an old haunt – the View Tube Café overlooking the Olympic Park.

The whole site was shut for most of last year, and the café is now run by new people, but the welcome is as warm as it was before the Olympics.

The building is formed of shipping containers painted bright green and there is a new conservatory on the side, which extends the café area.

We sat with a brilliant view of the Olympic Stadium and the Orbit twisty tower, and had an utterly scrumptious lunch.

Peckish Papa lived up to his name and had the meat feast while I enjoyed the veggie feast (each a substantial all-day breakfast) and the babies ignored the scrambled eggs and looked at the view. So we got to enjoy their scrambled eggs too.

All the food was delicious. The eggs were light, the toast was substantial and buttery, the



The View Tube is made largely from shipping containers

baked beans rich without being sweet or overpowering. And the bacon was (apparently) some of the very nicest ever!

Savoury alternatives to the 'feasts' (£9.50 each) included soups, filled ciabatta, and simpler breakfast/brunch options, each £3-£6.

We finished our meal with

homemade cookies (4 for £1.50), having no space for the tempting cakes.

The View Tube is a place the whole family can enjoy, and the views will impress most visitors. Access is either along the (flat) Greenway for half a mile from Wick Lane, or up some steps from Pudding Mill Lane.

In addition to the café, there is a viewing area to look over the Olympic Park and a classroom for educational events, as well as a bicycle hire facility, a gallery space and a garden.

■ The View Tube Café is at The Greenway, Marshgate Lane, E15 2PJ.

www.theviewtube.co.uk

Spice adds life to shellfish dish

FOR a quick and nutritious supper, try this healthy, simple seafood pasta classic.

This recipe is supplied by Flavour Gateway, which runs a restaurant in Weavers Field, Bethnal Green.

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Flavour Gateway is a social enterprise that was started by a group of women who came together over a love of

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As time has gone by, Flavour Gateway has grown and now also provides sandwiches to shops in London as well as creating celebration cakes and cupcakes.

It recruits apprentices locally and delivers accredited on-the-job training in catering and customer service, to give them the skills and experience they need to gain future employment in catering and hospitality.

Chilli prawn pasta – serves 4

Ingredients

15g basil
2 green or red chillies
2 cloves garlic

3 tbsp olive oil
200g cooked prawns
500g spaghetti
Salt and pepper to taste

Method

1. Cook the spaghetti according to the instructions on the pack.
2. Chop the stalks of the basil and finely chop the chillies (include the seed if you would like it to be more spicy) and the garlic.
3. Five minutes before the pasta is cooked, heat up a pan and add the olive oil. Add the basil stalks, chillies and garlic and fry for two minutes.

4. Once the garlic becomes golden, add the cooked prawns and fry for one minute.
5. Scoop out the cooked pasta directly from the pot you are cooking it in, draining the excess water, then immediately mix it with your prawn mixture.
6. Move on to a plate, then sprinkle with roughly chopped basil leaves. Add salt and pepper if required.

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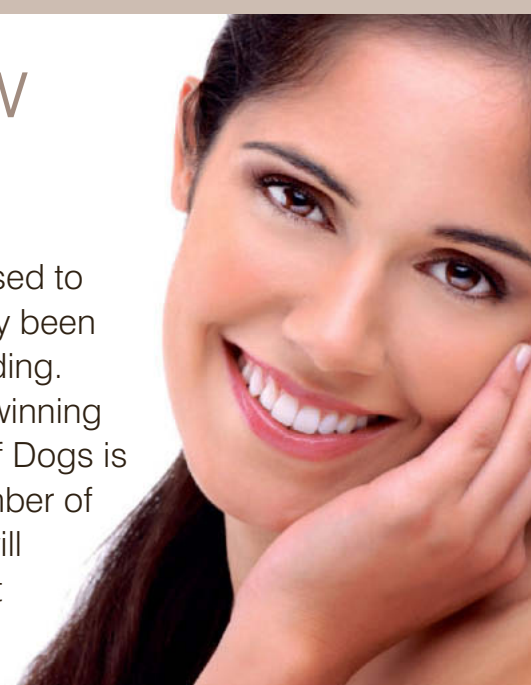
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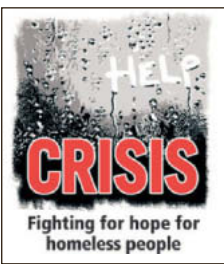
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Crisis Skylight is an education, training and employment centre for homeless and vulnerably housed people. It offers learning that leads to qualifications and can help people to find work.

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Crisis helped Rachael get on the write track

BY JESSICA ODUBAYO

A WOMAN who became homeless following a serious illness caused by the shock of her mother's death is set to publish her life story online.

Rachael Webster has completed the book a decade after she began writing it, thanks to the support she received from homelessness charity Crisis Skylight in Spitalfields.

She became homeless three years ago and has called her book *The First Floor*, taking inspiration from the women she met while living in a hostel.

She now plans to publish the book online.

Rachael, who suffered swelling of the brain after her mother died, went to Crisis Skylight, which offers practical and creative workshops together with formal learning that can lead to qualifications and work.

She started attending a creative writing class in 2010, overcoming physical problems

which meant she even had difficulty crossing the road.

She said: "When I came to Crisis I was so nervous. It was a real ordeal to even get to Crisis and I was living in a hostel and I was very depressed.

"Then I met Ronnie, the creative writing tutor. He was absolutely amazing and I thought, 'Wow, I'm going to come back tomorrow'. I haven't stopped coming back since."

With encouragement from staff at Crisis Skylight Rachel has completed her autobiography.

"I just decided I would write the whole thing from scratch," she said.

"I holed myself up in my flat for six weeks and [when it was finished] I sent it off to literary agents. The same day I sent it off the agent came back to me. I keep checking my emails to see if he's changed his mind!"

She added: "Obviously I have to eat and live, but I hope I will be able to raise money to put into children's charities, as they are very close to my heart."



Rachael Webster

SCORES of homeless people were given bags of warm clothes and a hot meal as part of an event organised by young people. Hope for the Homeless was held at the Osmani Centre in Whitechapel by young people on the Aasha scheme – for individuals who are involved in gangs or at risk of becoming embroiled in that lifestyle – who collected clothes donated by their friends, family and Osmani Trust staff. They also invited restaurants in the area to donate food. "These young people are the future of our community and if we can engage them in positive activities with the aim of contributing to their holistic development and to a culture of



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all," said Aasha manager Muhinur Choudhury.

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Liquitex and the Subism Collective are also on the hunt for a talented undiscovered artist to join in and have their work showcased at the event.

There will also be music from Si Tew and DJ Dave Brooks.

For further information,

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East End Life and Liquitex have two tickets to give away.

To enter the prize draw send an email, including your full name, address and telephone number to eastendlife.news@towerhamlets.gov.uk, putting Liquitex Draw in the subject line.

Entries must arrive by 5pm on April 15. The event is for over 18s.

Trust in Osmani

Osmani Trust offers a wide range of initiatives to meet the needs of young people of all backgrounds.

Cold comfort...

Gardening news from the Horticultural Trades Association

THE unseasonable weather this year will have escaped nobody's attention. The country has just experienced the coldest March in 50 years.

Garden centres have been feeling the brunt of the cold temperatures with trade predicted to be down by up to 20 per cent in the important spring months.

But as the weather starts to get warmer, the Horticultural Trades Association (HTA) would like to reassure gardeners that they still have time to plant to achieve the perfect garden.

With the promise of improved weather just around the corner, gardeners can take advantage of a late spring, plants have a remarkable ability to 'catch up' on growth so late spring planting, coinciding with early summer planting will bring an explosion of colour to the nation's gardens.

Although it may be cold outside, garden centres are still well stocked, looking good and ready for business. Plants that have been grown on nurseries under protection or in glass houses were distributed to retailers in February and are available for customers to buy now.

Through their 'Spring into Summer in the Garden' campaign, the HTA is encouraging gardeners to plan and visualise their gardens through colour, scent, wildlife and grow your own throughout the spring and into the summer season.

Plant growth has slowed down in line with the weather so gardeners should not be put off, once the sun shines garden centres will become a hive of activity and plants will still look great. You can still buy pots, containers, compost, seeds and plants for your garden and avoid the big rush once the weather turns warmer. Summer plants and seeds can be started, both ornamental and edible and grown on window sills.

The first seed potatoes are traditionally sown on Good Friday, but with the ground still frozen, potatoes can be chitting now inside, whatever the temperature is outside, ready to be planted when the weather turns.

Spring is also the ideal time to plant other salad favourites such as tomatoes, peppers, and cucumbers, although these will need to be sown in warm conditions such as a propagator, greenhouse or window sill. Tomato seed can be sown now to produce plants ready for planting into cold glass houses at the beginning of May.

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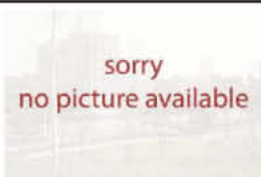
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Accessible Category G
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House • 6 Bed 10 Person • Ground Floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • Private garden • Pets not permitted

£183.25, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Community Housing
Property Ref: 26788

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Accessible Category G
GILL STREET, E14
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2-5 Year fixed term tenancy

£187.85, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: One Housing Group

Property Ref: 26798



Accessible Category E
LIBRA ROAD, E3
Bungalow • 1 Bed 2 Person • Ground Floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • Private garden • Pets not permitted • level access shower - no bath

£150.84, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: OLD FORD HA

Property Ref: 26778



Accessible Category F
WINFORD HOUSE, JODRELL ROAD, E3
Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • 19th floor • Separate kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets not permitted

£196.99, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: OLD FORD HA

Property Ref: 26780



Accessible Category F
FAIRFIELD ROAD, E3
Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 1st floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets not permitted

£169.85, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: Gateway Housing Association
Property Ref: 26782



Accessible Category F
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£205.60, Weekly - Affordable Rent
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Property Ref: 26797



Accessible Category F
ARDENT HOUSE, ROMAN ROAD, E3
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Landlord: OLD FORD HA
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Please respect people's privacy by not attempting to access advertised properties or knocking at neighbouring homes. This causes a nuisance and may distress some individuals.

CAR FREE HOMES

No on-street residents' parking permits issued

Permit Transfer Scheme: for residents moving to 3 bedroom or larger social rented car free homes

The Mayor of Tower Hamlets introduced the new Permit Transfer Scheme (PTS) to operate from 5 September 2011 to help to reduce the levels of overcrowding in social rented housing in the borough. The PTS helps some families move to larger social rented car free homes by allowing them to retain one on-street resident car parking permit, subject to the PTS criteria as outlined below being met. The PTS is a change in the operation of the Council's existing on-street Residents' Parking Permit Scheme.

The Council's 'car free homes' planning policy was introduced in Tower Hamlets in the late 1990s to help reduce traffic congestion and better manage the limited supply of on-street parking spaces. This initiative also helps to reduce the level of air pollution from motor vehicles and encourages more people to walk, cycle and go by public transport.

The Transport for London (TfL) Cycle Hire scheme (www.tfl.gov.uk/cycling) and local pay-as-you-go car clubs (www.carplus.org.uk) are also now available in Tower Hamlets to help you get around in healthier, greener ways.

If you live in a car free home, you will not be able to apply for on-street residents' car parking permits, unless you hold a disabled driver's blue badge or are eligible under the Permit Transfer Scheme (PTS), which is targeted at social rented housing residents.

The criteria for the PTS is as follows:

1. applies to residents moving to 3 bedroom or larger social rented car free homes;
2. only one on-street resident parking permit per household is permitted;
3. you must have held your on-street car parking permit for at least 1 year prior to moving home;
4. your on-street parking permit must be renewed and **not lapse to remain eligible** under the scheme;
5. the tenant is responsible for providing proof of PTS eligibility to Parking Services (including a duly signed and dated Tower Hamlets Homes or housing association approved tenancy agreement); and

6. the PTS was introduced on (and operates from) 5 September 2011 by Tower Hamlets Council and **is not retrospective**.

Residents in car free homes can apply for a temporary parking permit for visiting trades people for £5 a day. To qualify, written proof of the work to be carried out must be provided, along with the vehicle's details. Each home can apply for a maximum of 20 one-day-permits within a 6 month period.

Alternatively, scratchcards are available for trades people and visitors, providing parking for up to five hours on weekdays and all day on weekends. Households can apply for up to 3 books of 10 scratchcards per year. For permit charges and information, visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/parking

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For more information please call the InComE Project Team on 020 8996 8871 or email income.project@sbhg.co.uk



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Work placements will be in an advice agency in Tower Hamlets for at least one day a week – days/time/venues for this vary.

Trainees will also attend a formal training course one day per week (Tuesdays starting September). The training covers: policies/principles of advice work, welfare benefits, housing, immigration, employment and debt.

This is a voluntary work placement/training scheme – trainees are not paid. However trainees will obtain work experience, excellent training and improve prospects of obtaining a fulfilling and satisfying job in the future.

The training course does not start until September, however work placements will be arranged/start prior to this.

To obtain further information and an application pack please email jo.ellis@island-advice.org.uk

Deadline to return application is 1st May 2013.

Applicants will be required to attend an information open day and sit a basic literacy test on either 9th or 10th May.

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS INDEPENDENT PERSON FOR THE STANDARDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tower Hamlets Council is committed to operating with the highest ethical standards and integrity and the Standards Advisory Committee is key to this.

The Standards Advisory Committee is responsible for developing the Council's ethical framework, upholding high standards of conduct by the Mayor and Councillors and monitoring the Code of Conduct and local protocols. The Committee and its sub-committees deal with any complaints about Councillors' behaviour.

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The Independent Person must be aged 18 or over and may not be a current or recent employee or councillor of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets; or a relative or close friend or such a person and cannot have served on the Committee in the previous five years. Some knowledge of local government or other public bodies would be an advantage although this is not essential. Most importantly we are looking for a person who can uphold the standards we wish to promote.

For an application pack please contact John S. Williams, Service Head, Democratic Services, Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London E14 2BG, telephone number 020 7364 4204 or email johns.williams@towerhamlets.gov.uk or lynne.spillett@towerhamlets.gov.uk. The closing date for applications is Friday 26th April 2013.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14 (1)

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF STOPPING & SUSPENSION OF BUS LANE – GROVE ROAD E3

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets having consulted with Transport for London, made an Order, which will prohibit traffic from entering, stopping or proceeding in Grove Road from a point approximately 30 metres in the south-eastern direction in Grove Road to its junction with Mile End Road.

The restrictions on vehicular traffic will enable essential works to be carried out on the public highway by Barhale on behalf of Optimise Thames Water.

The restriction on vehicular traffic will operate from Monday 15th April 2013 until end of April 2013, and at times when temporary traffic signs and cones are placed on the public highway. The works are programmed for completion on Friday 19th April 2013.

Please refer any queries regarding the above traffic restriction to John McGrath, Street Works Manager, Planning Group, Transport and Highways on 020 7364 0465 or email john.mcgrath@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Dated: 8th April 2013

Jamie Blake
Service Head, Public Realm
Anchorage House
2 Clove Crescent
London E14 2BE

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 (1) TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC – SALTER STREET E14

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets made an Order, which will prohibit vehicular traffic from stopping or proceeding in the length of carriageway in Salter Street for a distance of approximately 70 metres to the northern-most end of Salter Street from its junction with Trinidad Street.

The restriction on vehicular traffic will enable essential works to be carried out on the public highway by Metro Traffic Services Limited.

The alternative route for vehicular traffic will be via Limehouse Causeway, Westferry Road and West India Dock Road.

The restriction on vehicular traffic will operate from Saturday 13th April 2013 until the end of April 2013 and at times when temporary traffic signs are placed on the public highway pursuant to The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002. The works are programmed for completion on Sunday 28th April 2013.

Please refer any queries regarding the above traffic restriction to John Parsons, Street Works Liaison Officer, Transport and Highways on 020 7364 6680 or email, john.parsons@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Dated: 8th April 2013

Jamie Blake
Service Head, Public Realm
Anchorage House
2 Clove Crescent
London E14 2BE

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 (1) TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC – BRUSHFIELD STREET E1

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets proposes to make an Order, which will prohibit vehicular traffic from stopping or proceeding in the length of carriageway in Brushfield Street for a distance of approximately 30 metres between its junction with Fort Street and its junction with Steward Street.

The restriction on vehicular traffic will enable essential works to be carried out on the public highway by Keltbray Limited.

The alternative routes will be via Crispin Street, Artillery Lane and Fort Street or Gun Street, Artillery Lane and Fort Street or Fort Street, Artillery Lane and Steward Street.

Throughout the duration of the works, and at times when the “no entry” traffic signs are covered, the existing one way working in Artillery Lane between its junction with Fort Street and its junction with Steward Street will be temporarily suspended.

The restriction on vehicular traffic will operate for four consecutive weekends on the following dates at times when temporary traffic signs are placed on the public highway pursuant to The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002:

- Saturday 27th April and Sunday 28th April 2013;
- Saturday 4th May and Sunday 5th May 2013;
- Saturday 11th May and Sunday 12th May 2013;
- Saturday 18th May and Sunday 19th May 2013.

Please refer any queries regarding the above traffic restriction to Charlie Harrison, Street Works Liaison Officer, Transport and Highways on 020 7364 6671 or email, charlie.harrison@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Dated: 8th April 2013

Jamie Blake
Service Head, Public Realm
Anchorage House, 2 Clove Crescent, London E14 2BE

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990, SECTIONS 10, 67 AND 73

APPLICATIONS FOR LISTED BUILDING CONSENT AND APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT WHICH WOULD IN THE OPINION OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY AFFECT THE CHARACTER OR APPEARANCE OF AN AREA DESIGNATED AS A CONSERVATION AREA OR WOULD AFFECT THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS IS CONSIDERING THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS:

Metropolitan Wharf Building, 70 Wapping Wall, London PA/13/155/ELM
Installation of a ventilation extract system and alterations to two external windows at street level to accommodate air exhaust vents.

9-11 Henriques Street, London PA/13/87/ADW
Erection of a new seven storey building comprising non-residential institution use (D1) at ground floor level and six residential flats (C3) on the upper floors, with 2 x 1 bed flats, 3 x 2 bed flats and 1 x 3 bed flats, together with an integral refuse store, cycle parking facilities and one car parking space.

The following are householder applications and in the event of an appeal against a refusal of planning permission, which is to be dealt with on the basis of representations in writing, any representations made about these applications will be sent to the secretary of state, and there will be no further opportunity to comment at appeal stage.

11 Kenilworth Road, London, E3 5RH PA/13/548/LAB
Single storey rear extension and internal remodelling.

Copies of the applications and plans may be inspected between the hours of 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday at the Planning Department, Mulberry Place, Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG. The information will also be available on the Council's web site at www.towerhamlets.gov.uk. If you respond by email, please tell us your postal address.

Any person who wishes to make representations relating to any of these applications should do so, in writing, within a period of 21 days from the date of publication of this notice to the Development Control Manager at the above address.

Dated: 9th April 2013

OWEN WHALLEY
Head of Planning and Building Control



LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

MAJOR APPLICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 13(4)) OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 2010 AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT APPLICATIONS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS IS CONSIDERING THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS:

6 Boulcott Street, London, E1 0HR PA/13/697/SHA
Demolition of existing building and redevelopment to provide an 8 storey building with a social club (Use Class D2) on the ground and 1st floor with residential (Use Class C3) above, comprising 25 units (9 x 1 bed, 13 x 2 bed and 3 x 3 bed).

Copies of the applications and plans may be inspected between the hours of 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday at the Planning Department, Mulberry Place, Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG. The information will also be available on the Council's web site at www.towerhamlets.gov.uk. If you respond by email, please tell us your postal address.

Any person who wishes to make representations relating to any of these applications should do so, in writing, within a period of 14 days from the date of publication of this notice to the Development Control Manager at the above address.

Dated: 9th April 2013

OWEN WHALLEY
Head of Planning and Building Control



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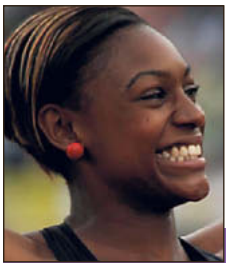
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Perri happy in Mile End

Perri Shakes-Drayton, the new star of British athletics, said this week she would not want to train anywhere else other than Mile End Stadium and heaped praise on her coach, Chris Zah.

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Joe's new star

Marianne Marston, the latest woman to hit the boxing scene, is a protégé of heavyweight legend Joe Frazier.

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Sport

Marianne's starring role

BY PETER FAULKNER

A BOXER discovered by former world heavyweight champion Joe Frazier will be one of the new stars being unveiled by the TRAD TKO gym at York Hall, Bethnal Green, on April 27.

But this latest prospect is a woman.

Marianne 'Golden Girl' Marston, who boxes at featherweight, lives in east London and is promoted by Bow manager Johnny Eames.

She makes her debut on a star-studded bill against Latvian Aleksandra Jasjukovica.

Big things are expected of Marianne, who was discovered by Frazier and two-time world

cruiserweight champion Steve Cunningham. She is a southpaw and learnt her boxing skills in Philadelphia, Frazier's hometown.

After his death in November 2011, Steve Cunningham took her under his wing and she has developed into a useful fighter.

Marianne, who is also a licensed manager and promoter, has been busy developing a team of female boxers.

Her dedication isn't limited to just boxing and coaching, she is the prime mover behind the ground-breaking World Boxing Federation Women's World Boxing.

This is a series of competitions that pits the world's top women professional boxers against

each other. In addition to the world title bouts, at each event, the series also gives rising stars from the host country the opportunity to show their skills.

Marianne is also a regular boxing pundit, which included her being the female boxing expert for the coverage of women's boxing at London 2012 Olympics, for the BBC.

Find out more about Marianne at www.marianne-marston.com

■ Local boy **Francis Maina**, from Limehouse, will be looking to get back to winning ways, having lost his last three outings – all away from home and against unbeaten prospects.

Top-of-the-bill sees Dean Byrne face Jay Morris for the In-

ternational Masters welterweight title.

■ STEPNEY-born welterweight **Colin Lynes** is all set to gatecrash the world title scene.

Lynes is booked to appear on the Sports Showtime Events all-title bill in Abu Dhabi on May 18.

He will face Poland's EBU-EU Champion Rafal Jackiewicz for the vacant WBF Inter-Continental welterweight title.

And he knows victory will land him a big-money world title fight against the winner of Paul Malignaggi's WBF and WBA title clash on the same bill.

Lynes, who trains at the TRAD KO gym, proved himself domestically by winning a Lonsdale Belt outright.



Marianne Marston – York Hall debut



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"Every July we run a Youth Afloat fund-raiser and companies have a day dragonboat racing against each other. We would like to see more firms take to the water this time."

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Sport

Docklands Sailing and Watersports Centre is facing a £110,000 revenue shortfall. In a bid to try to prevent dramatic cutbacks it is asking Canary Wharf businesses to step in and save it

Wealthy neighbours asked to help centre's rescue plan

BY PETER FAULKNER

FOURTEEN years ago £1.2m was pumped into a project aimed at transforming Millwall Docks.

That gave birth to Docklands Sailing and Watersports Centre – an innovative sports and leisure project, designed to provide accessible sailing for the local area.

And the success of rising young stars like Callum Dixon, Courtney Bilbrough, Orla Mitchell, Leila Moore (pictured top) and Raya Uzunova is proof that it was money well spent.

Since then DSWC has made the change from being from a local authority funded organisation to a self supporting social enterprise.

But the financial headache the centre is now facing, with a £110,000 shortfall in revenue, means for the first time since it opened its doors in 1989 it is having to consider tough cost-cutting measures.

This week the centre launched an appeal to its wealthy business neighbours next door in Canary Wharf to offer their support so that popular events such as Youth Afloat, the youth club activities and the racing programme for youngsters are not forced to make cutbacks.



Sailing at the centre on a Sunday morning

"It was unfortunate that the Olympic Games last year sort of backfired on us," said coach Matthew Rickard.

"We all expected mass corporate bookings, as we have every year, and that would have set us up.

"But companies had fears about the transport network and instead of booking they stayed away. That was something we did not anticipate.

"Who would have thought that the boost the Olympics gave to sailing – and has also given to the sport in the past –

would actually leave us with a financial headache?

"We are asking businesses in Canary Wharf and the surrounding area to come together and help us reduce this huge shortfall.

"Every July we run a Youth Afloat fund-raiser and companies have a day dragonboat racing against each other. We would like to see more firms take to the water this time.

"It will not only give the centre a massive boost, but firms will be able to discover what fun dragonboat racing is."

Youth Afloat is DSWC's summer holiday youth activity programme and provides water activities in sailing, windsurfing, kayaking and canoeing using qualified instructors.

During the five weeks, DSWC welcomes a mix of children with a variety of backgrounds from Tower Hamlets.

For the past three years DSWC sailors have topped the leader board at the London Youth Games with children representing Tower Hamlets, Lambeth and Hackney.

Last year's London Youth

Games results saw Lambeth overall winners, Tower Hamlets 2nd and Hackney 3rd giving a clear indication of the quality coming out of Docklands.

DSWC also took the top spots in the Inner London Traveller Series and the London Traveller series, with Tower Hamlets as the overall borough winners.

Who knows, the next Ben Ainslie could be among the centre's rising stars, so if you can help the centre with funding or sponsorship call Matthew on 7537 2626.



Chris Zah, an inspiration for Perri Shakes-Drayton

Perri praises coach Chris

Athletics

ALTHOUGH she's jetted off to Florida for a month training under the sun, Perri Shakes-Drayton hasn't forgotten the man or the place that got her where she is today.

The Bow athlete, winner of two gold medals at the European Indoor Championships in Gothenburg, Sweden, is happy to keep her training based in a small gymnasium in Mile End Stadium with coach Chris Zah.

"Chris has been my only coach, for the past 11 years," she said in an interview this week.

"He took me from the grass roots to the world-class athlete I am today. It's not really common for that to happen, but we've grown as a team and learnt together.

"We'll stay in Mile End in that gritty, crusty gym because it's working for us. It's a good set-up and I'm not going anywhere for the moment."

Mile End has a fully equipped gym, but Chris and Perri, and Chris' team of athletes, use the old gym under the stand.

Shakes-Drayton was one of a number of athletes to have received a bumper new sponsorship deal from UK Sport and the National Lottery.

"The funding just makes life so much easier for me. The money helps with training camps," she added.

"I don't take it for granted because it makes life so much more stress-free. All I have to do is worry about getting to training on time and being the athlete that I have to be to achieve my goals."

Ali and McNess bidding for title glory

Boxing

REPTON youngsters Chris Ali and Sam McNess progressed to the semi-finals of the ABA championships with victories at Harlow, Essex.

McNess had an easy evening as his opponent, Ryan Frost

from Harwich, withdrew, giving him a walkover.

Ali dominated his bout with Norwich Diamonds boxer Danny May from start to finish, as he continued his march to the featherweight title.

May did well to last until the final bell as Ali landed numerous shots on his oppo-

nent before a winning a unanimous decision.

The pair were engaged in battle at the semis in Lewisham, south London, on Saturday, as East End Life went to press.

And Ali was facing a tough task against the reigning ABA bantamweight champion Reece Balotti from the South

Oxhey club, who may not be as strong at featherweight.

Balotti beat Ali's former club-mate Lucien Reid last season so this could be the chance of gaining revenge.

Reid, who now boxes for West Ham, is also through to the semi-finals where he is due to meet Joss Pritchard, of

Portsmouth, in the 54kg division.

McNess was due to fight Adam Grigg from the Golden Ring club in Southampton.

The winners go forward to the national finals at Durham's Rainton Meadows Arena on April 20 and Repton are hoping they can continue their recent run of title successes.



Mohibul's hot and cold delivery

Mohibul Haque will brave the cold to deliver takeaways from the Al-Amin restaurant as part of his charity fund-raising and to help him get in shape for the London Marathon.

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Tribute to Dennis

Friends of marathon runner Dennis St Croix, who died last year, will run this year's race in his memory.

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Sport

Sport in brief



Alex Scott ©Arsenal FC

Alex helps lead Gunners' march

ALEX Scott and her Arsenal team-mates continued on the victory trail with an excellent pair of recent wins.

Scott, who was born in Poplar and went to Langdon Park School, started in both the away leg of the Champions League quarter-final tie with Italian side ASD Torres and the Women's FA Cup quarter-final tie against Nottingham Forest.

With Arsenal just about to start their Women's Super League season and still in the Continental Cup, it means the Gunners could repeat their historic treble of 2007.

On the back of a 3-1 home win a week earlier, Arsenal knew that a tight defensive performance, and an early away goal would see them progress to the semi-final.

And that is exactly what they got when Niamh Fahey scored a crucial early goal and Arsenal hung on for a 1-0 win.

The victory set up a clash with German cup finalists Wolfsburg.

Arsenal then continued their excellent start to the season with a thumping 7-0 win at Nottingham forest in the quarter-final of the Women's FA Cup, to set up a tie with Birmingham City this Tuesday, April 9.

Honours are even in local derby

SPORTING Bengal and local rivals London APSA shared the honours when they met in the league last week.

First-half goals from Craig Heskey and Javier Riviera put Sporting well in command and they seemed to be heading for

a comfortable win. But London APSA, one place below Sporting in the table, fought back with two goals from Keith Opong to earn a share of the spoils.

■ Bethnal Green Utd were narrowly beaten 2-1 at home by league leaders Burnham.

Karl Blake was on the score-sheet for Green.

Table tennis fun for disabled players

THE English Table Tennis Association is co-ordinating a come and try day and regional disability table tennis competition.

The event and fun day is for disabled people aged 7-21.

It aims to introduce disabled people to the sport and to also have an element of competition with a fun edge.

The event takes place on May 4 at New Vic College, Prince Regent Lane, Plaistow, between 10-4pm.

For more information, call Robbie Payne-Inglis, the ETTA London regional disability officer, on 07805 060761 or download an application form at www.pro-activeeastlondon.org

Triathletes needed for Docklands

THE annual Virgin Triathlon takes place in Newham's Royal Docks again this summer and charities are looking for athletes to take part and raise money.

The event will be held on July 27 and 28 and while general entries are closed, you can still take part for charity.

The triathlon is a gruelling combination of running, cycling and swimming around the ExCel Centre, but distances vary according to age and experience.

Roads are closed for the bike races – a rarity in London – allowing you to race free from busy traffic. You can choose from super sprint, sprint or Olympic distances.

MacMillan Cancer Support, Save the Children, the British Heart Foundation, Sue Ryder, Leukaemia Care, Marie Curie and Great Ormond Street Hospital are among those seeking representatives.

Marathon is all about friends and labours

BY TOM SHEEN

TOWER Hamlets' marathon runners are entering the final stages of their training for the 26.2 mile race on April 21.

Customers of the Al-Amin curry house on Cambridge Heath Road, Bethnal Green, will get a special surprise with their delivery this week, as front-of-house Mohibul Haque, 28, will brave the weather on Tuesday night to spend the evening delivering takeaway on foot as part of his fund-raising efforts for international development charity VSO.

Then on Thursday, April 11, Mo and Al-Amin will host a special fund-raising night with Mo's Marathon Menu, offering a special curry feast with all profits going to the charity – there will also be a raffle and music.

"Doing the takeaway deliveries on foot for a night is a great way to raise awareness and money for charity – I'll be giving all tips to VSO and asking people to sponsor me when I turn up on the door," said Mo.

"If it's a busy night, I could easily cover over 20 miles, so my training will get a boost as well as my fund-raising.

"The curries will still arrive by car so they stay nice and hot and I'll leg it after them to collect the money. No-one wants a chilly chicken Madras!

"And I hope plenty of the regulars will show their support and come to the restaurant on April 11 to try Mo's Marathon Menu. It should be a great night."

VSO works in 33 of the world's poorest countries and last year helped more than 15 million people living in poverty.

You can sponsor Mo at www.justgiving.com/mohibul-haque1

A group of eight Wapping runners have clubbed together to honour another marathon



Sue Archer (left) and Leigh Adams will be running for Muscular Dystrophy and Brain Tumour UK respectively

hero, Dennis St Croix, who died just days before being due to carry the Olympic Flame in the London 2012 Torch Relay.

Dennis ran dozens of marathons around the world, raising tens of thousands of pounds for charity.

Led by his great friend Sarah Smith, 'Team Dennis', made up of Simon Blewett, Joanna Monahan, Neil Rutter, Mark Ali, Mike Gawne, William Sheen and Nicholas Clegg are hoping to raise £10,000 between them for Cancer Research.

"Dennis was a legend in the local area, coaching kids in a variety of sports and ran the London Marathon 25 times up until 2011," said Simon.

"As well as online and paper sponsorship we are also selling Team Dennis T-shirts and are hoping to turn the Highway into a sea of red and white T-shirts and banners.

"The youth football team I coach, the Wapping Warriors, will also be wearing special kits at the Mayor's Cup (April 13) in memory of Dennis.

"Sarah has got us all together and has whipped us into the shape for the day, she has worked tirelessly to make this all happen."

Donate to Team Dennis at

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/Dennis2013>

Two East End journalists will create their own headlines as they are set to both run the race for the first time.

Leigh Adams and Sue Archer worked in local newspapers for more than 15 years before setting up their own news agency, Newsdesk Online.

Leigh, 42, was brought up in Cable Street which is on the marathon route. She is raising money for Brain Tumour UK in memory of her dad, Stan, who died from the disease aged just 53.

"The marathon has always meant a lot to me," she said.

"The course runs past my mum's house and I've cheered on runners since the 80s.

"Running the marathon has always been a goal of mine, so be able to run it in aid of something so close to my heart means the world to me."

Training buddy Sue, 44, is raising money for the Muscular Dystrophy Campaign, inspired by her ten-year-old nephew Jack.

"Jack has Duchenne muscular dystrophy and severe autism and he needs round-the-clock care for his condition," said Sue, who lives in Ware, Hertfordshire.



The late Dennis St Croix was a marathon regular

"The charity's ongoing research gives great hope to families like ours whose lives have been affected by muscular dystrophy.

"When I see Jack's smile when I cross the finish line on marathon day – it will make all the hard work worthwhile!"

To sponsor them visit www.justgiving.com/LeighAdams1 and www.justgiving.com/Sue-Archer1

■ East End Life has featured other local runners preparing for the marathon, including Dr John Broad, who is running for Bowel & Cancer Research (www.justgiving.com/john-broad) and pawnbroker Liam Smith, who is running for the British Skin Foundation (www.justgiving.com/liamsmith84).

■ If you are running the marathon and would like to be in East End Life, email eastendlife.news@towerhamlets.gov.uk or call 7364 3179.



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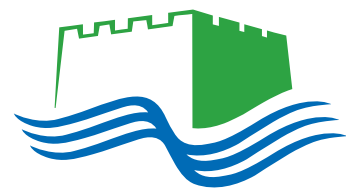
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The greatest race in the world

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TOWER HAMLETS

NEWS FROM TOWER HAMLETS COUNCIL AND YOUR COMMUNITY

Making marathon memories

BY TOM SHEEN

THE London Marathon is almost here and once again Tower Hamlets residents are going out of their way to make it a memorable occasion.

One example is Mohibul Haque, from the Al-Amin curry house in Bethnal Green, who has been running to takeaway customers' homes as part of his training.

The restaurant is planning a fund-raising evening this Thursday to support Mo's charity, VSO, an international aid organisation working in 33 countries.

Then there are the eight Wapping runners who are honouring Dennis St Croix, a marathon regular who died before he could enjoy the honour of carrying the Olympic Flame at the 2012 Games.

His friends and family are planning some spectacular

fund-raising and hope to get £10,000 for Cancer Research, at the same time as keeping alive the memory of the popular East End runner.

Then there's East End journalists, Leigh Adams and Sue Archer, who will be running on behalf of Brain Tumour UK and the Muscular Dystrophy Campaign. They jointly run an East End news agency and will now be making news themselves.

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Mohibul delivers a takeaway

Six of the best

Boxing

REPTON Boxing Club took on the Irish in Belfast – and with the help of Broad Street's Karl Ozimkowski knocked them for six.

Five of the contests went the distance, but Steve Addison won his bout with a second round stoppage.

Ozimkowski completed a points victory, as did Tommy Tear, Jordan Blake, Bobby Foreman and heavyweight Lawrence Okoele.

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Arbour Square Centre's centenary celebration

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Dressmakers extraordinaire

Festival celebrates the craft and culture of the Huguenots

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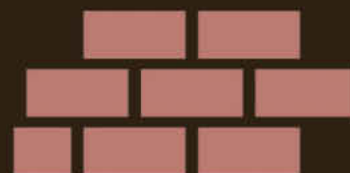
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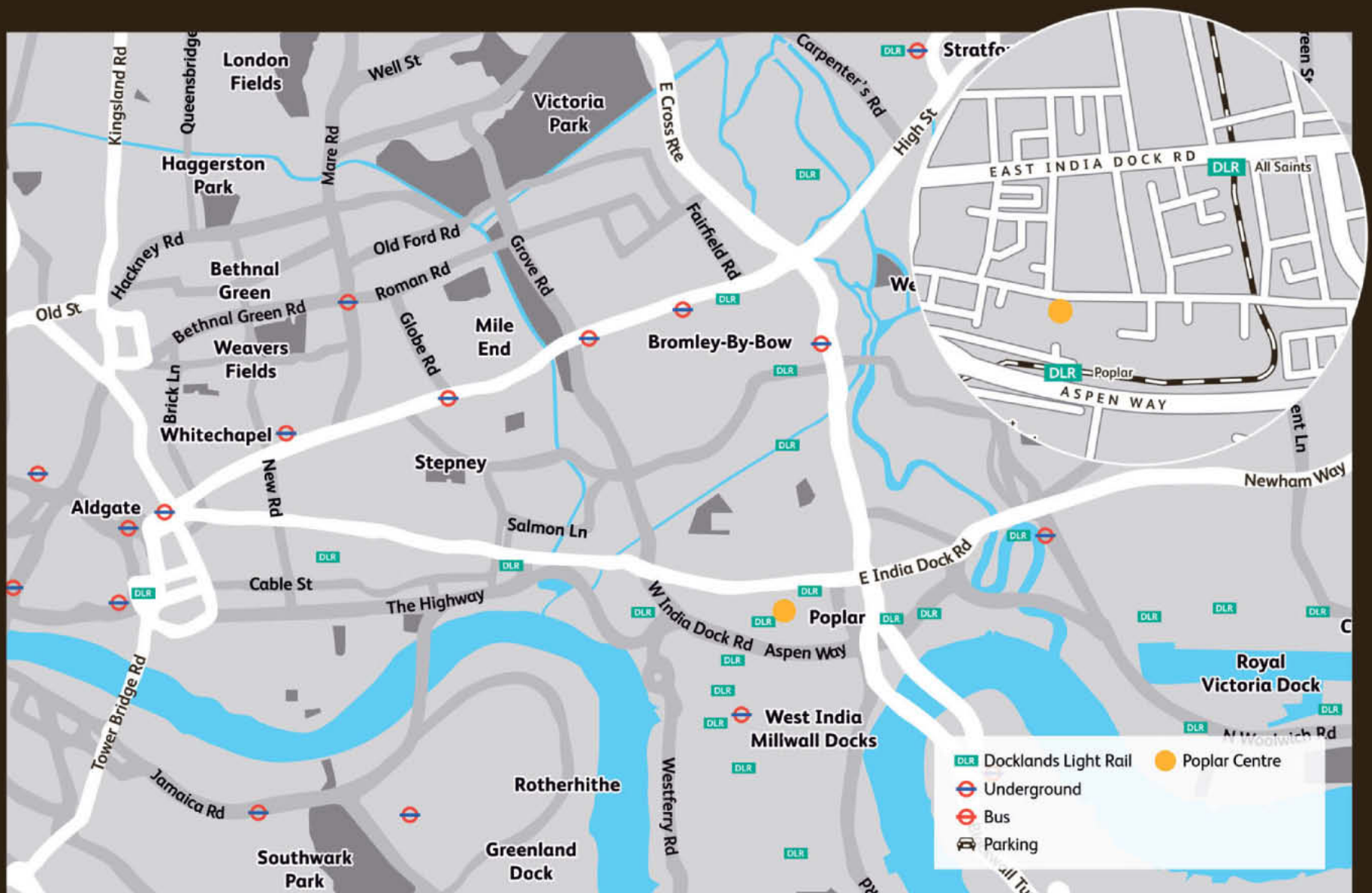
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